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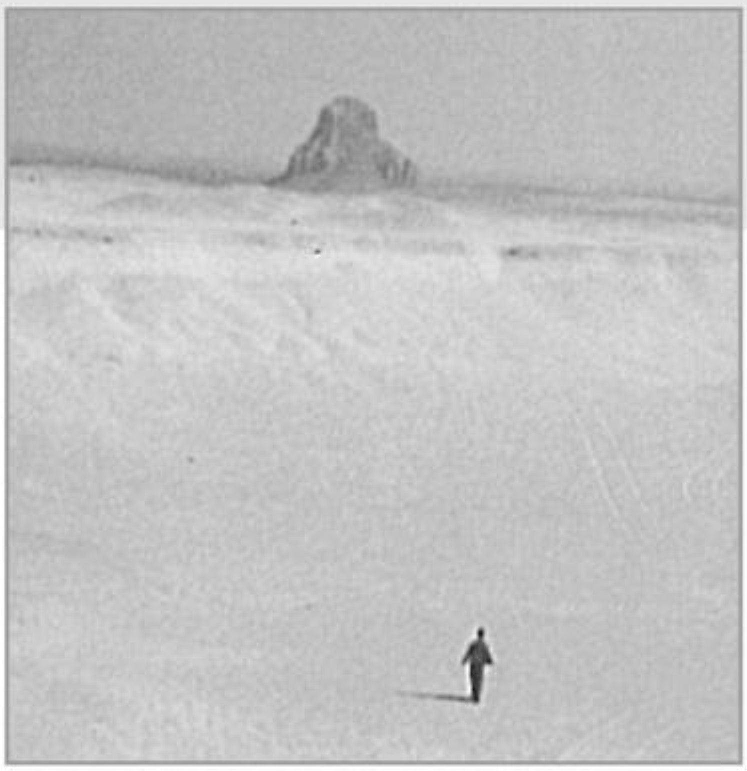

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Let's start by going there.

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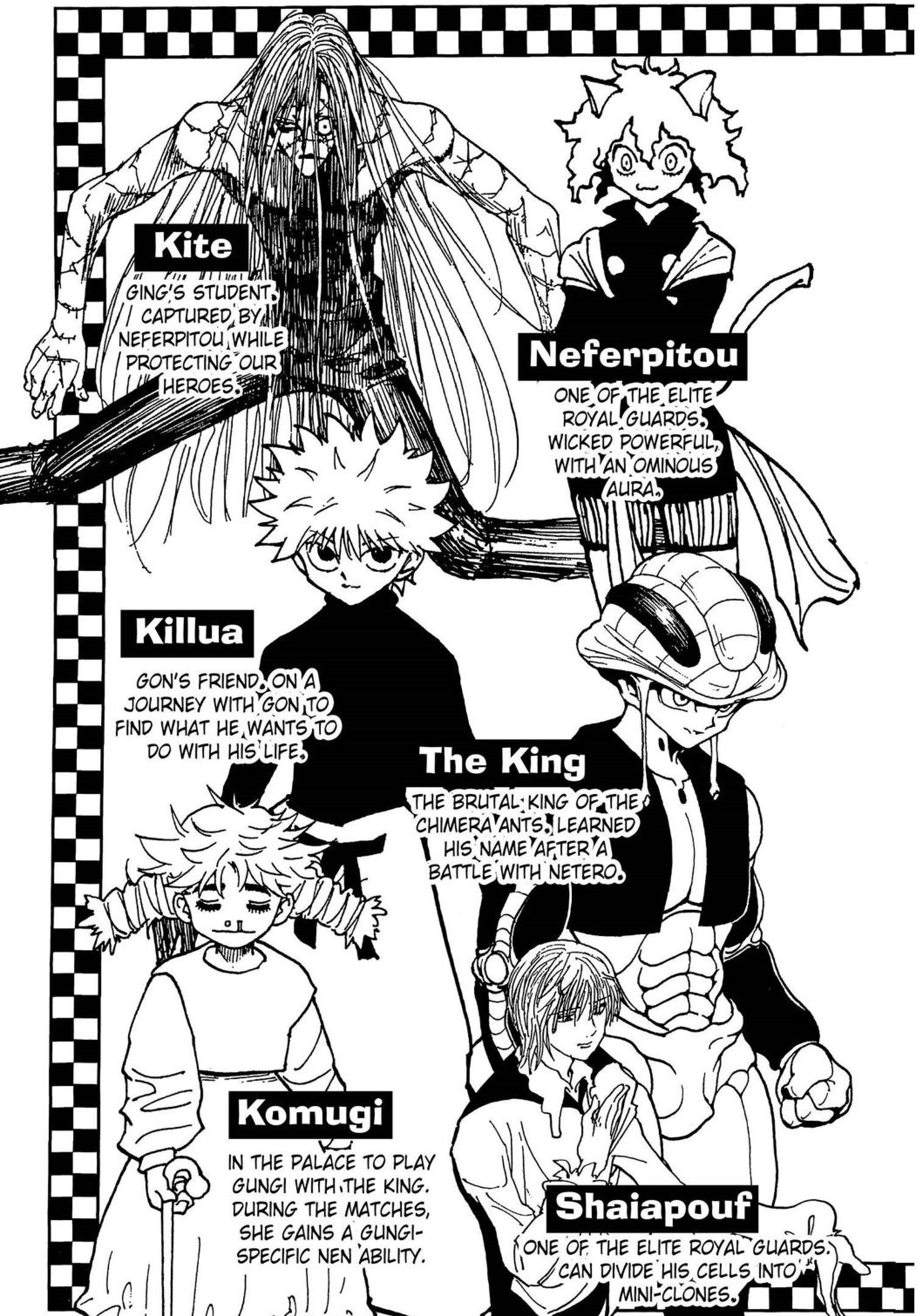


Kite

GING'S STUDENT. CAPTURED BY NEFERPITOU WHILE PROTECTING OUR HEROES.

Neferpitou

ONE OF THE ELITE ROYAL GUARDS. WICKED POWERFUL, WITH AN OMINOUS AURA.

Killua

GON'S FRIEND. ON A JOURNEY WITH GON TO FIND WHAT HE WANTS TO DO WITH HIS LIFE.

The King

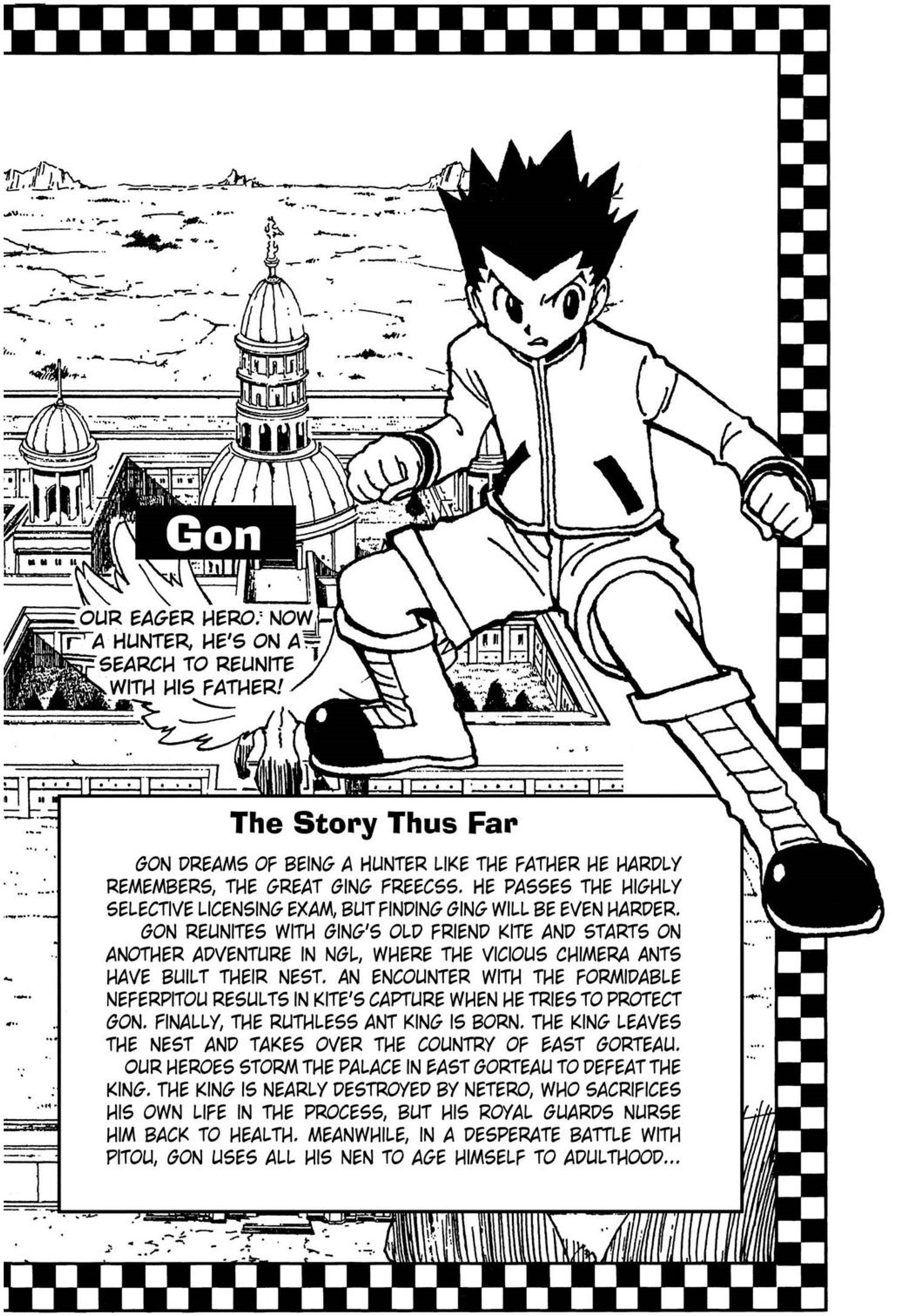
THE BRUTAL KING OF THE CHIMERA ANTS. LEARNED HIS NAME AFTER A BATTLE WITH NETERO.

Komugi

IN THE PALACE TO PLAY GUNGI WITH THE KING. DURING THE MATCHES, SHE GAINS A GUNGI-SPECIFIC NEN ABILITY.

Shaiapouf

ONE OF THE ELITE ROYAL GUARDS. CAN DIVIDE HIS CELLS INTO MINI-CLONES.



Gon

OUR EAGER HERO. NOW A HUNTER, HE'S ON A SEARCH TO REUNITE WITH HIS FATHER!

The Story Thus Far

GON DREAMS OF BEING A HUNTER LIKE THE FATHER HE HARDLY REMEMBERS, THE GREAT GING FREECSS. HE PASSES THE HIGHLY SELECTIVE LICENSING EXAM, BUT FINDING GING WILL BE EVEN HARDER.

GON REUNITES WITH GING'S OLD FRIEND KITE AND STARTS ON ANOTHER ADVENTURE IN NGL, WHERE THE VICIOUS CHIMERA ANTS HAVE BUILT THEIR NEST. AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE FORMIDABLE NEFERPITOU RESULTS IN KITE'S CAPTURE WHEN HE TRIES TO PROTECT GON. FINALLY, THE RUTHLESS ANT KING IS BORN. THE KING LEAVES THE NEST AND TAKES OVER THE COUNTRY OF EAST GORTEAU.

OUR HEROES STORM THE PALACE IN EAST GORTEAU TO DEFEAT THE KING. THE KING IS NEARLY DESTROYED BY NETERO, WHO SACRIFICES HIS OWN LIFE IN THE PROCESS, BUT HIS ROYAL GUARDS NURSE HIM BACK TO HEALTH. MEANWHILE, IN A DESPERATE BATTLE WITH PITOU, GON USES ALL HIS NEN TO AGE HIMSELF TO ADULTHOOD...

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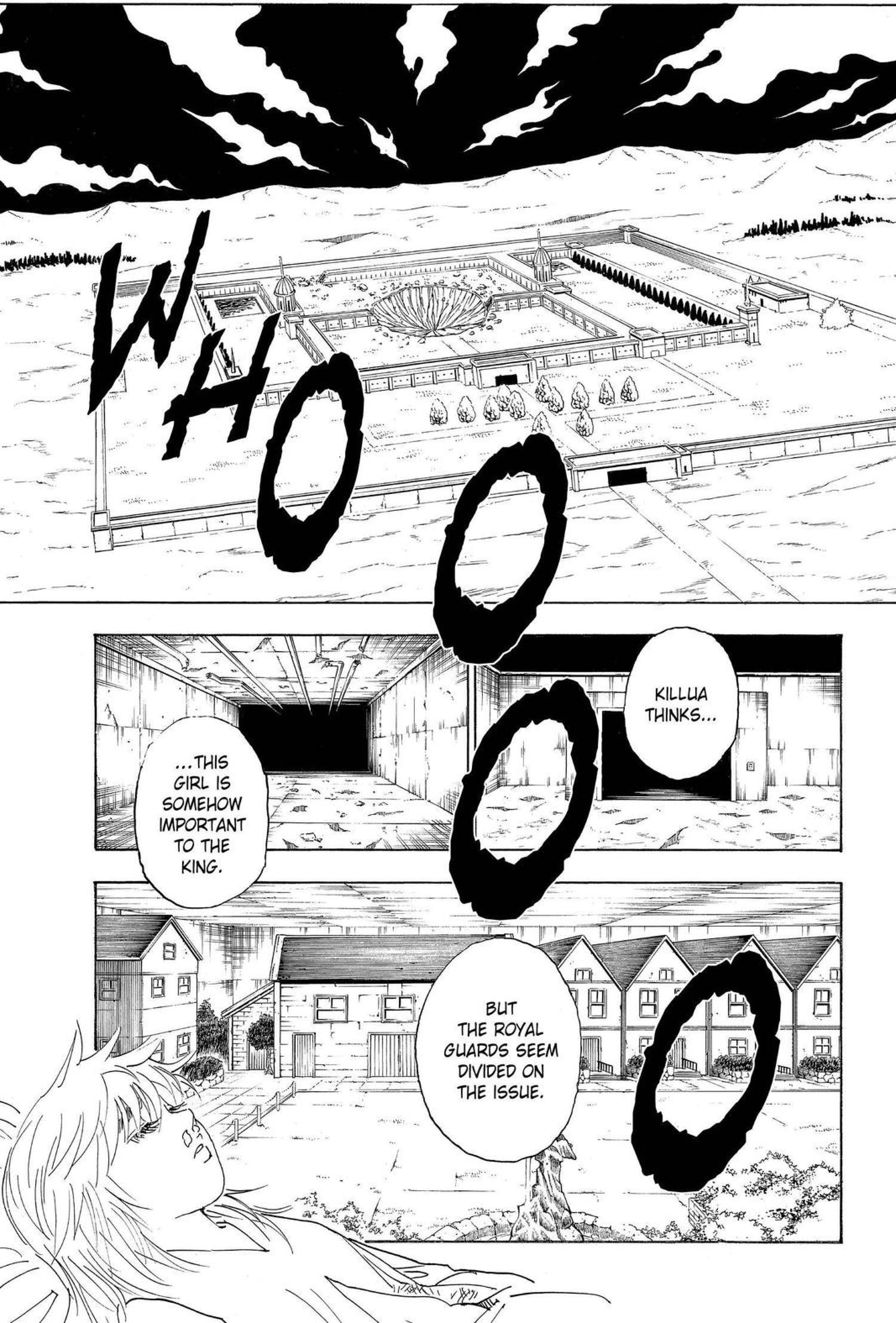
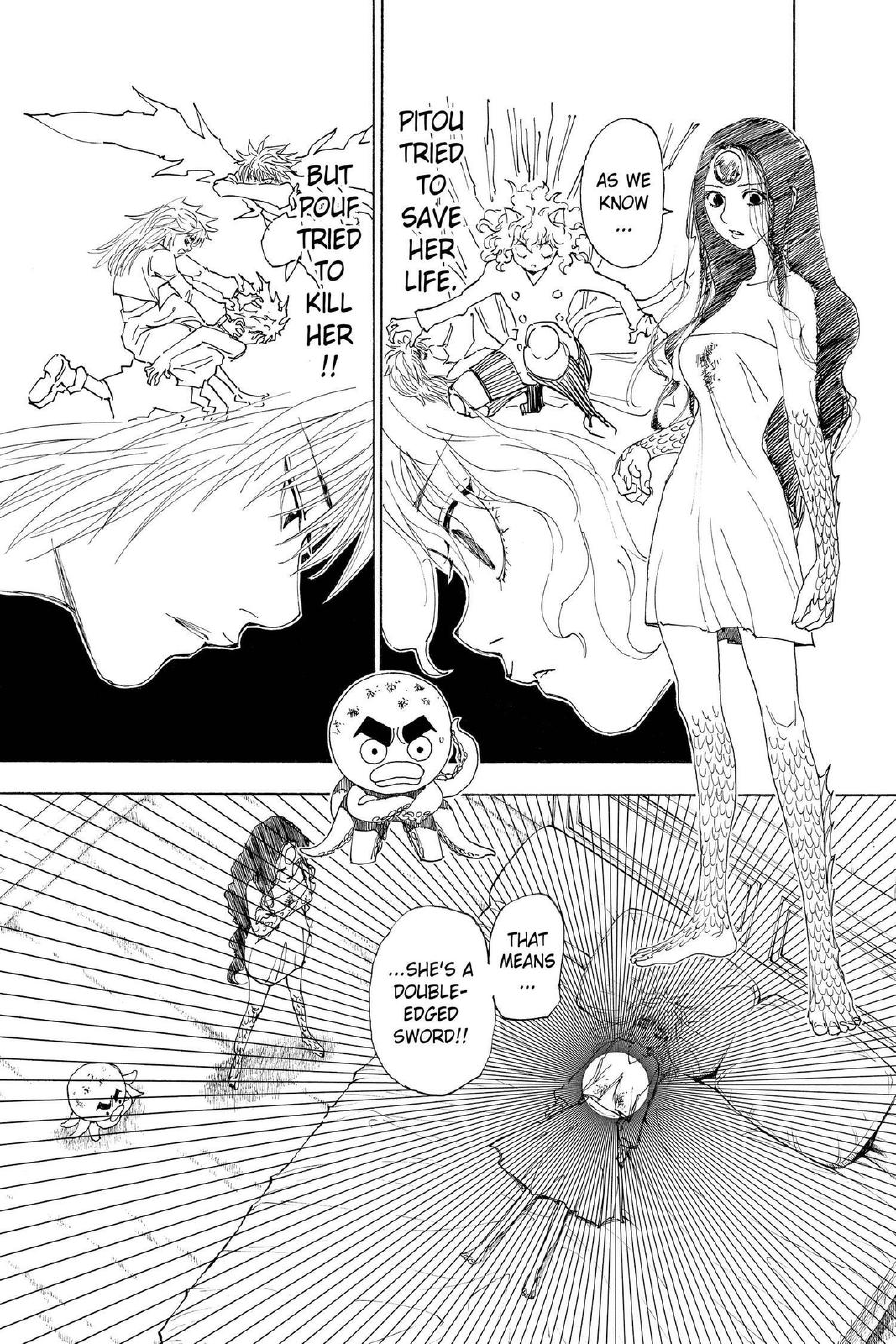
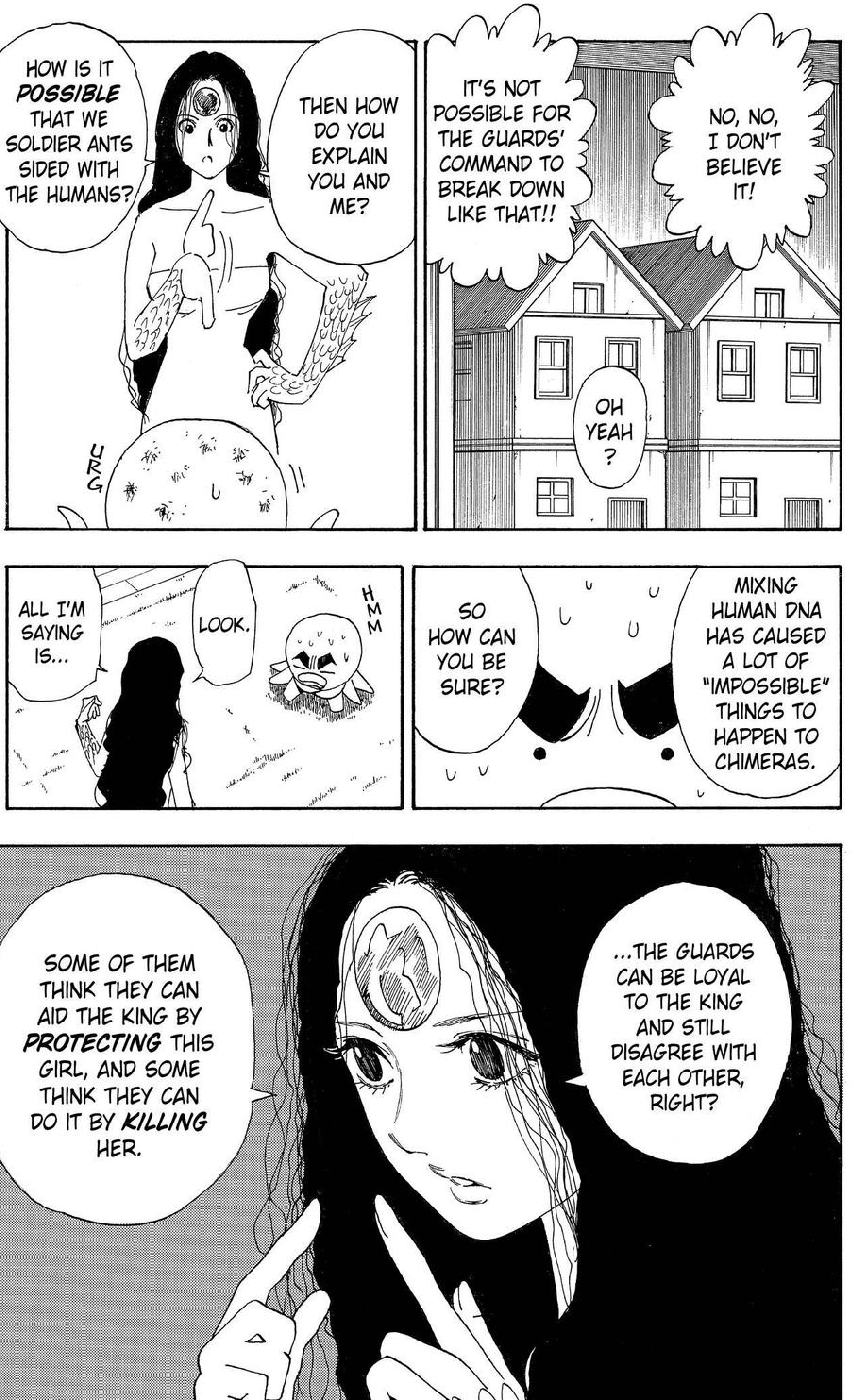
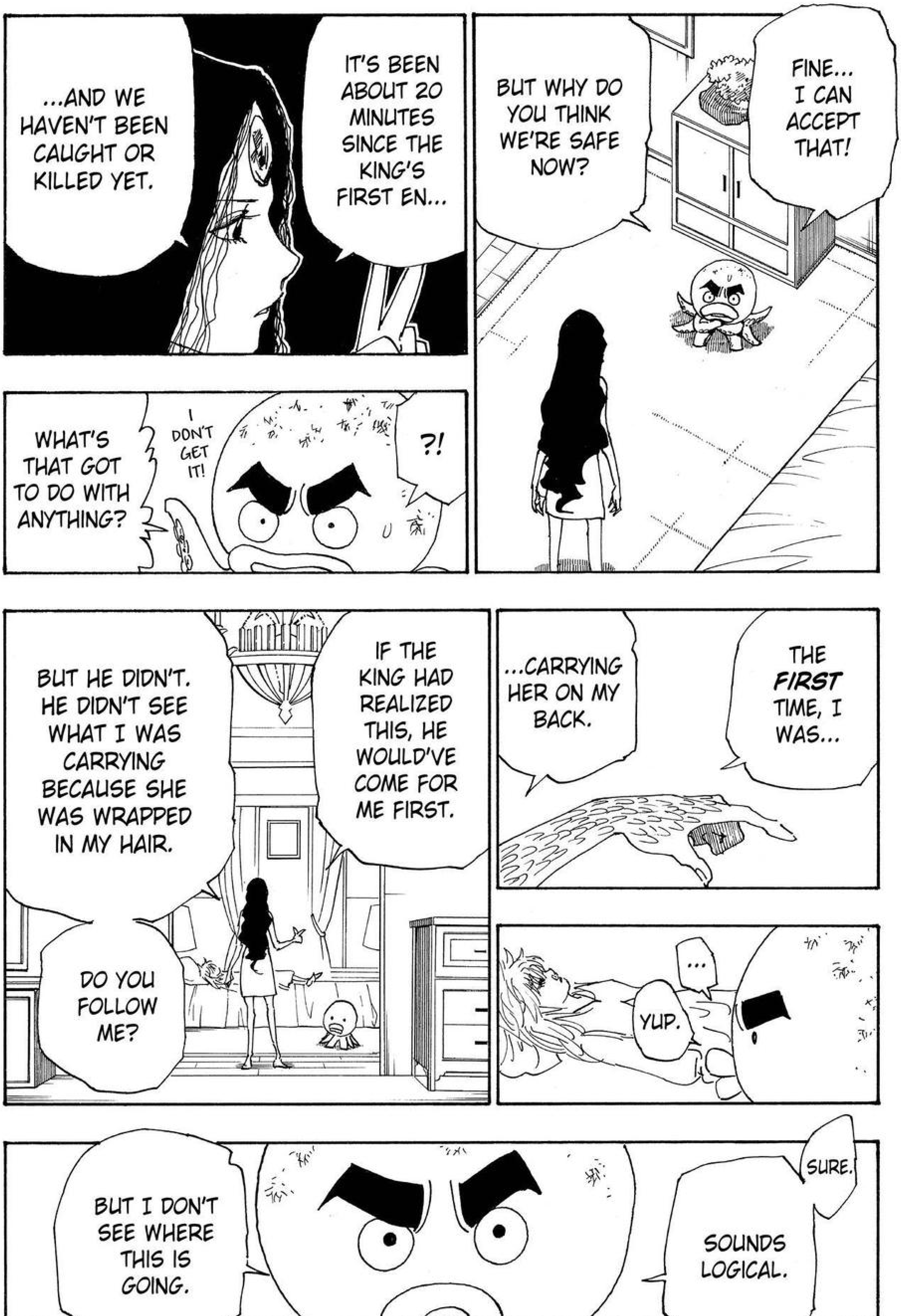
Chapter 311: Deadline

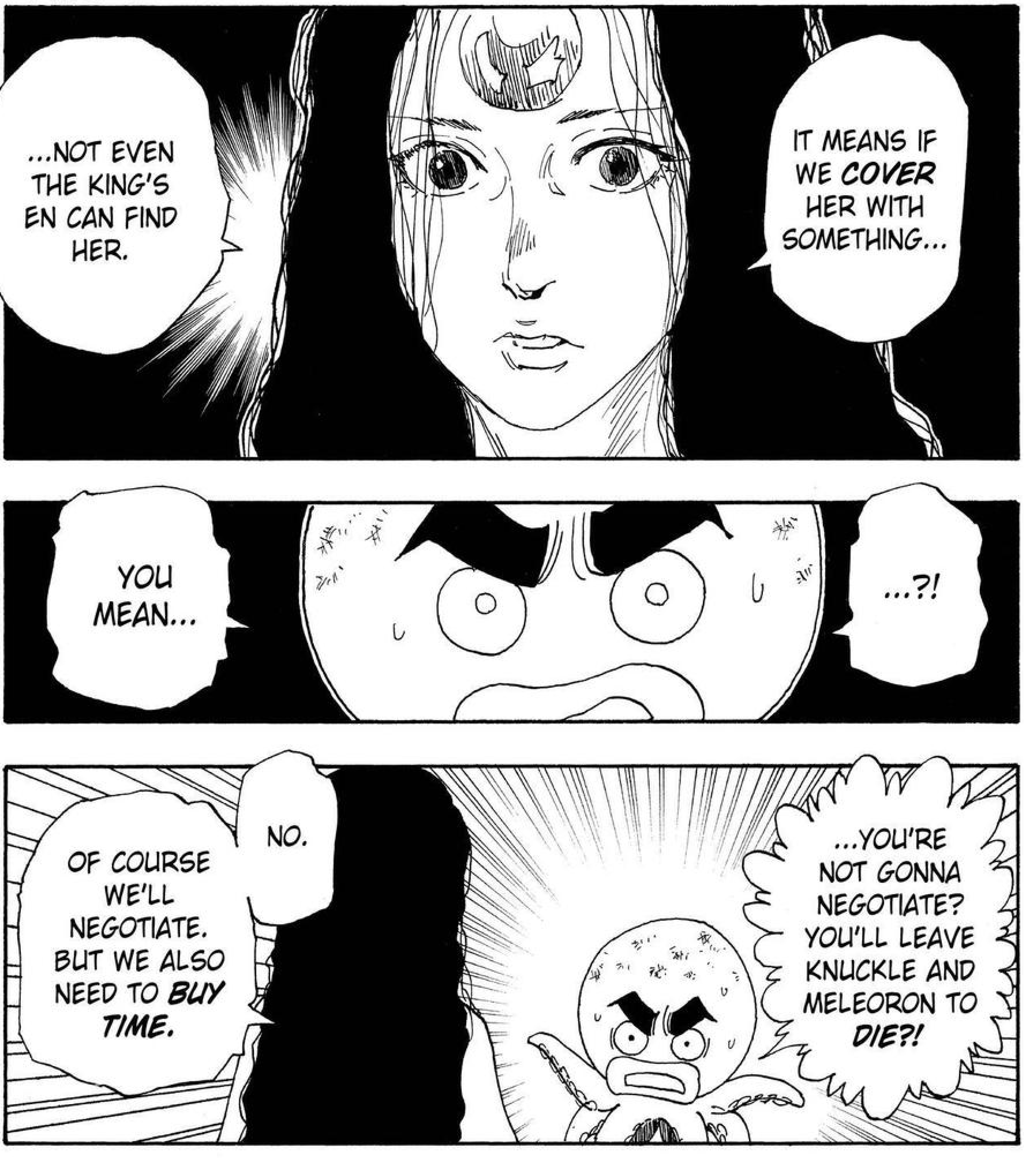

WHOOOOO
KILLUA THINKS...
...THIS GIRL IS SOMEHOW IMPORTANT TO THE KING.
BUT THE ROYAL GUARDS SEEM DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE.

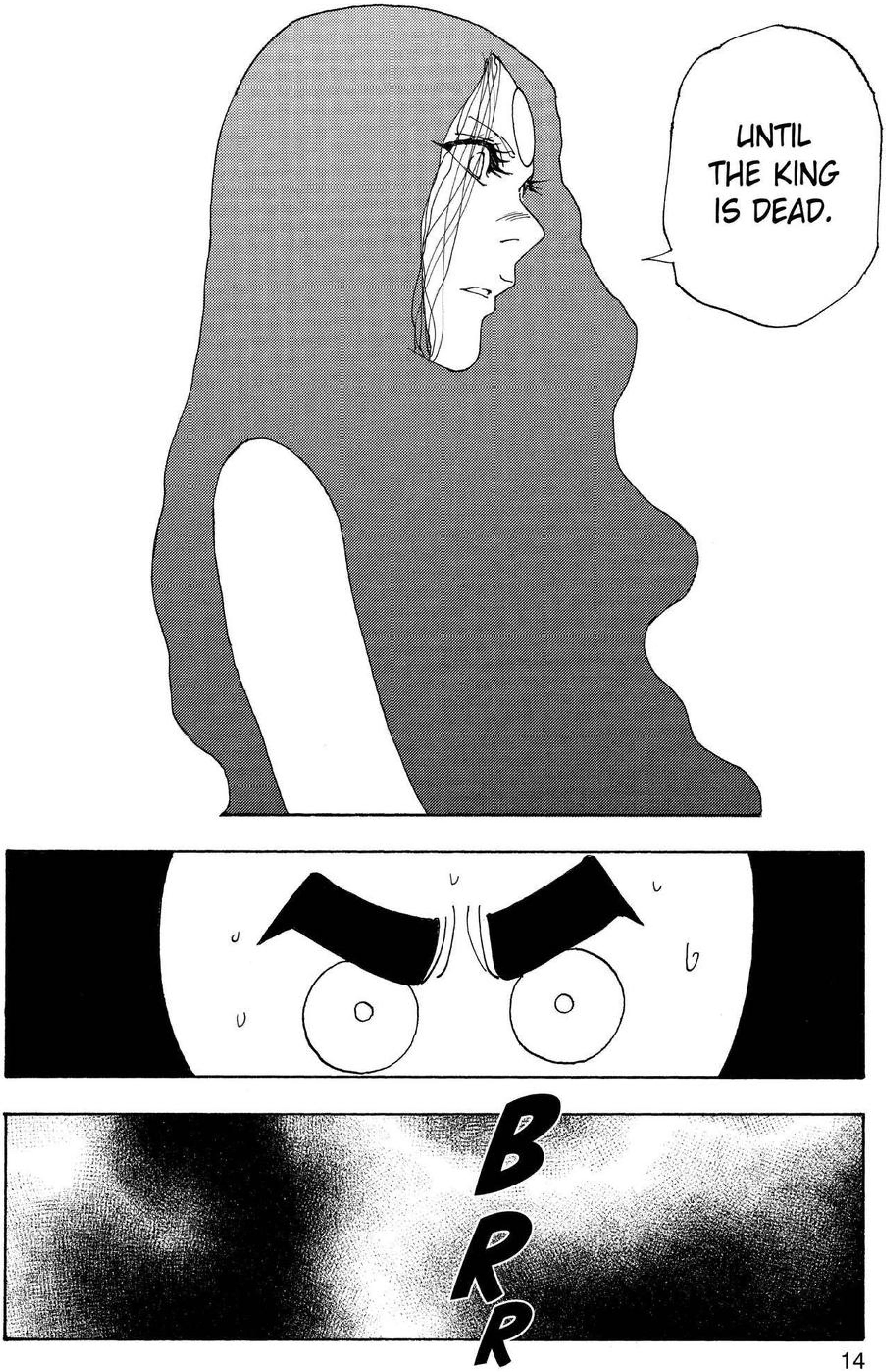

AS WE KNOW ...
PITOU TRIED TO SAVE HER LIFE.
BUT POUF TRIED TO KILL HER !!
THAT MEANS ...
...SHE'S A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD!!

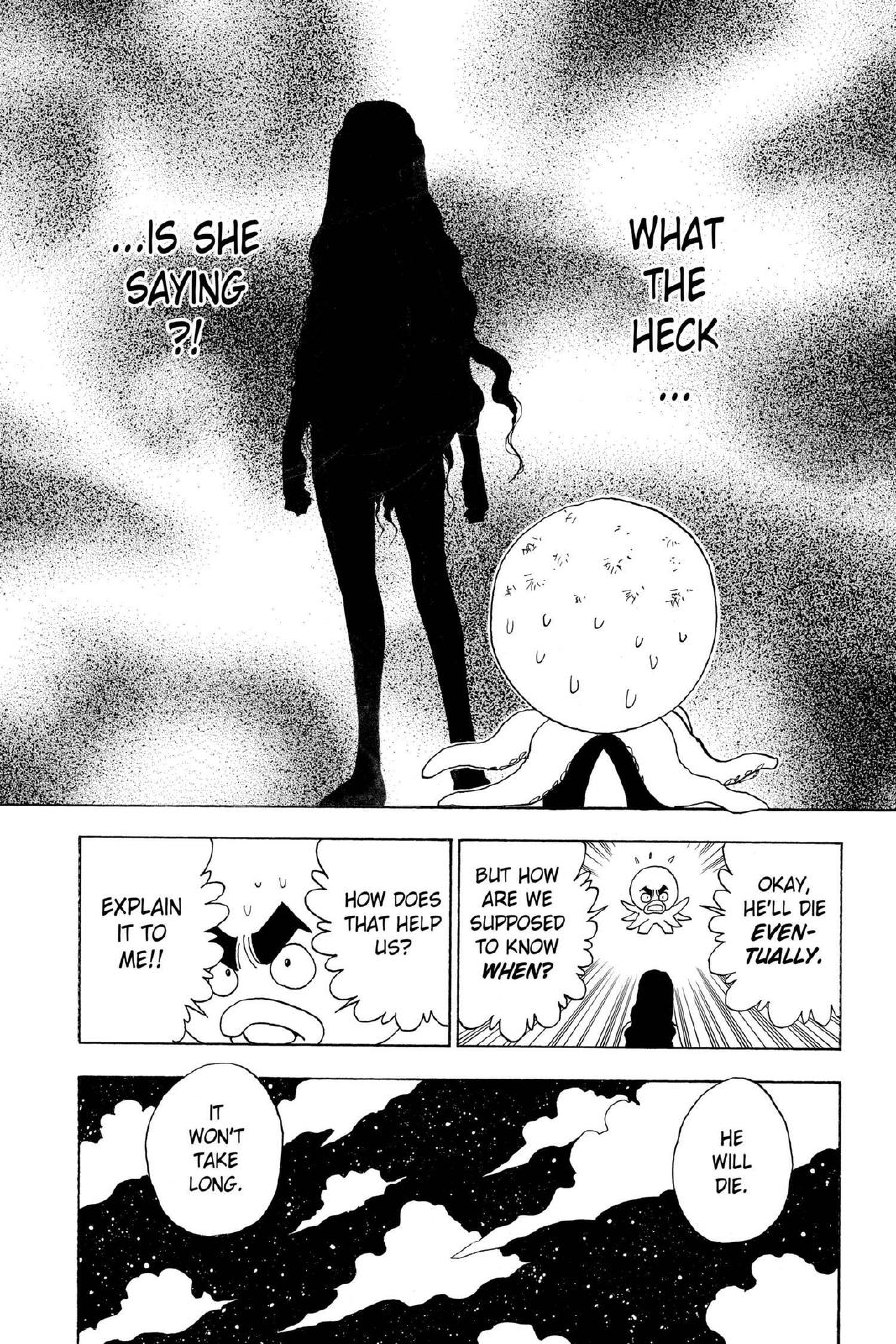

NO, NO, I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE GUARDS' COMMAND TO BREAK DOWN LIKE THAT!!
OH YEAH?
THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN YOU AND ME?
HOW IS IT ***POSSIBLE*** THAT WE SOLDIER ANTS SIDED WITH THE HUMANS?
URG
MIXING HUMAN DNA HAS CAUSED A LOT OF "IMPOSSIBLE" THINGS TO HAPPEN TO CHIMERAS.
SO HOW CAN YOU BE SURE?
HMM
LOOK.
ALL I'M SAYING IS...
...THE GUARDS CAN BE LOYAL TO THE KING AND STILL DISAGREE WITH EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
SOME OF THEM THINK THEY CAN AID THE KING BY ***PROTECTING*** THIS GIRL, AND SOME THINK THEY CAN DO IT BY ***KILLING*** HER.

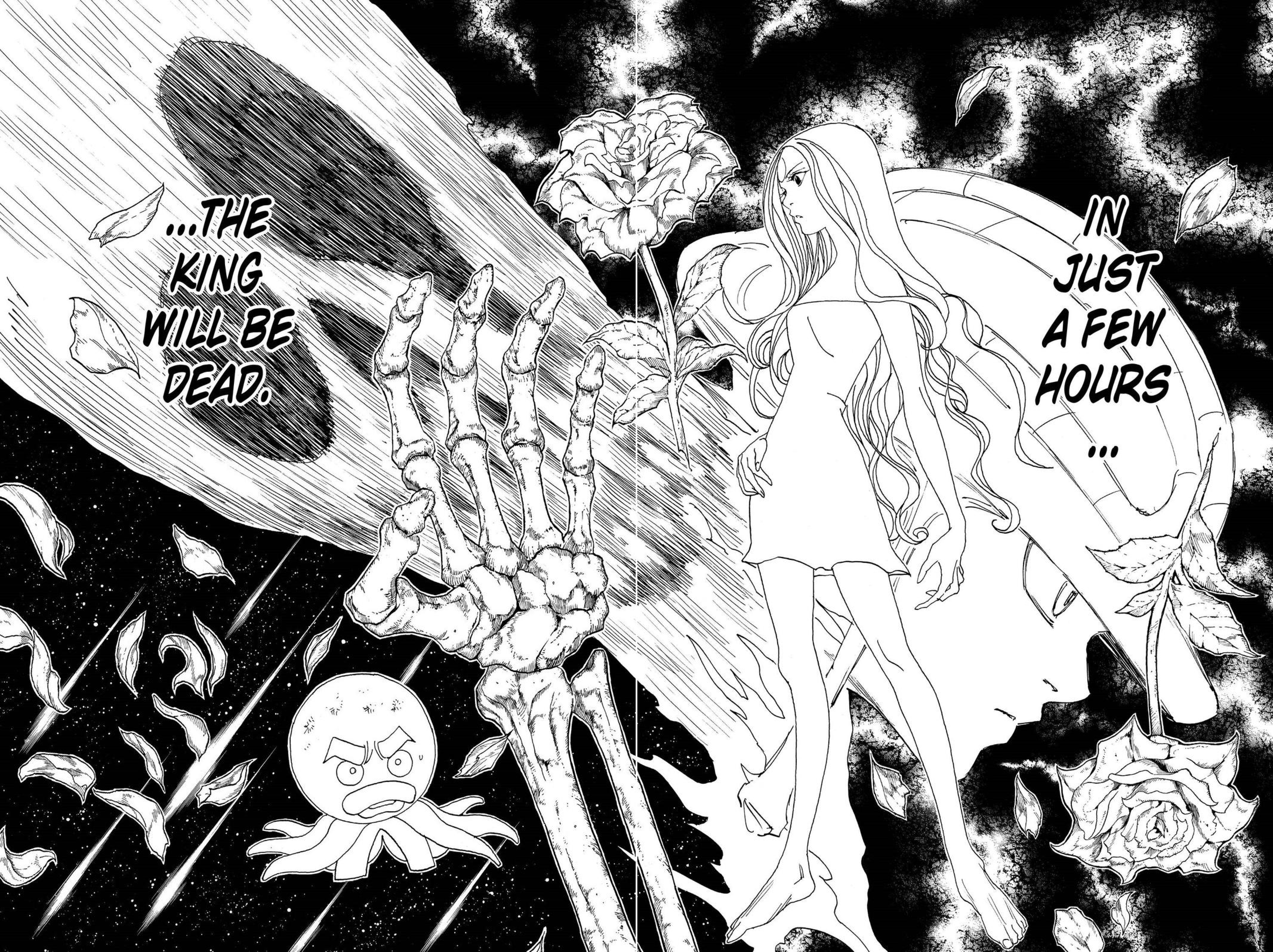

FINE... I CAN ACCEPT THAT!
BUT WHY DO YOU THINK WE'RE SAFE NOW?
IT'S BEEN ABOUT 20 MINUTES SINCE THE KING'S FIRST EN...
...AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN CAUGHT OR KILLED YET.
?!
I DON'T GET IT!
WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING?
THE *FIRST* TIME, I WAS...
...CARRYING HER ON MY BACK.
IF THE KING HAD REALIZED THIS, HE WOULD'VE COME FOR ME FIRST.
BUT HE DIDN'T. HE DIDN'T SEE WHAT I WAS CARRYING BECAUSE SHE WAS WRAPPED IN MY HAIR.
DO YOU FOLLOW ME?
...
YUP.
SURE.
SOUNDS LOGICAL.
BUT I DON'T SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING.

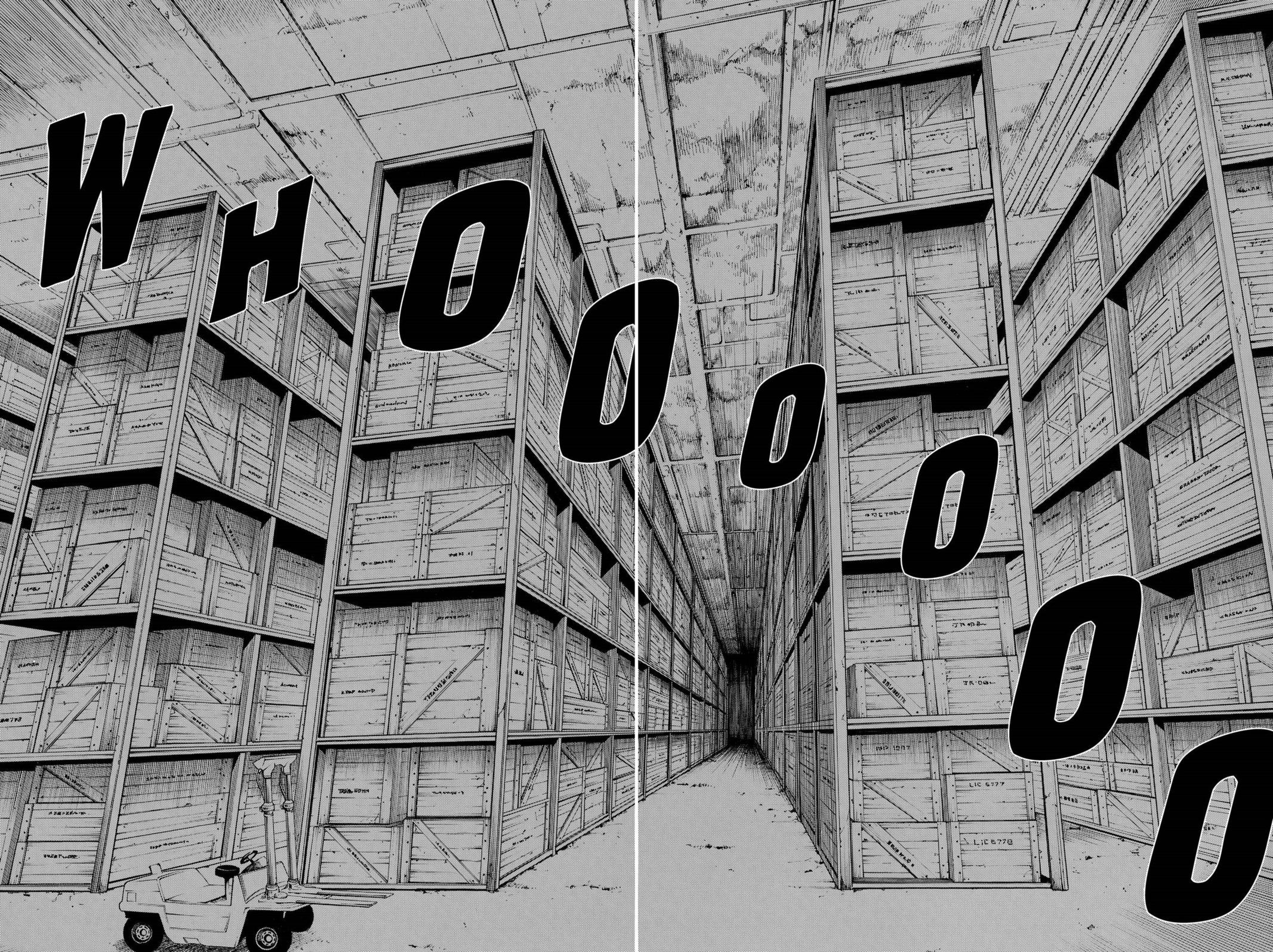
READ THIS WAY


IT MEANS IF WE *COVER* HER WITH SOMETHING...
...NOT EVEN THE KING'S EN CAN FIND HER.
...?!
YOU MEAN...
...YOU'RE NOT GONNA NEGOTIATE? YOU'LL LEAVE KNUCKLE AND MELEORON TO *DIE?!*
NO.
OF COURSE WE'LL NEGOTIATE. BUT WE ALSO NEED TO *BUY TIME.*
TO DO THAT...
...WE'LL HAVE TO HIDE HER WHERE HE WON'T FIND HER.
TIME?
LIKE, HOW LONG?


UNTIL THE KING IS DEAD.
BRRR


WHAT THE HECK ...
...IS SHE SAYING ?!
OKAY, HE'LL DIE EVENTUALLY.
BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHEN?
HOW DOES THAT HELP US?
EXPLAIN IT TO ME!!
HE WILL DIE.
IT WON'T TAKE LONG.


IN JUST A FEW HOURS ...
...THE KING WILL BE DEAD.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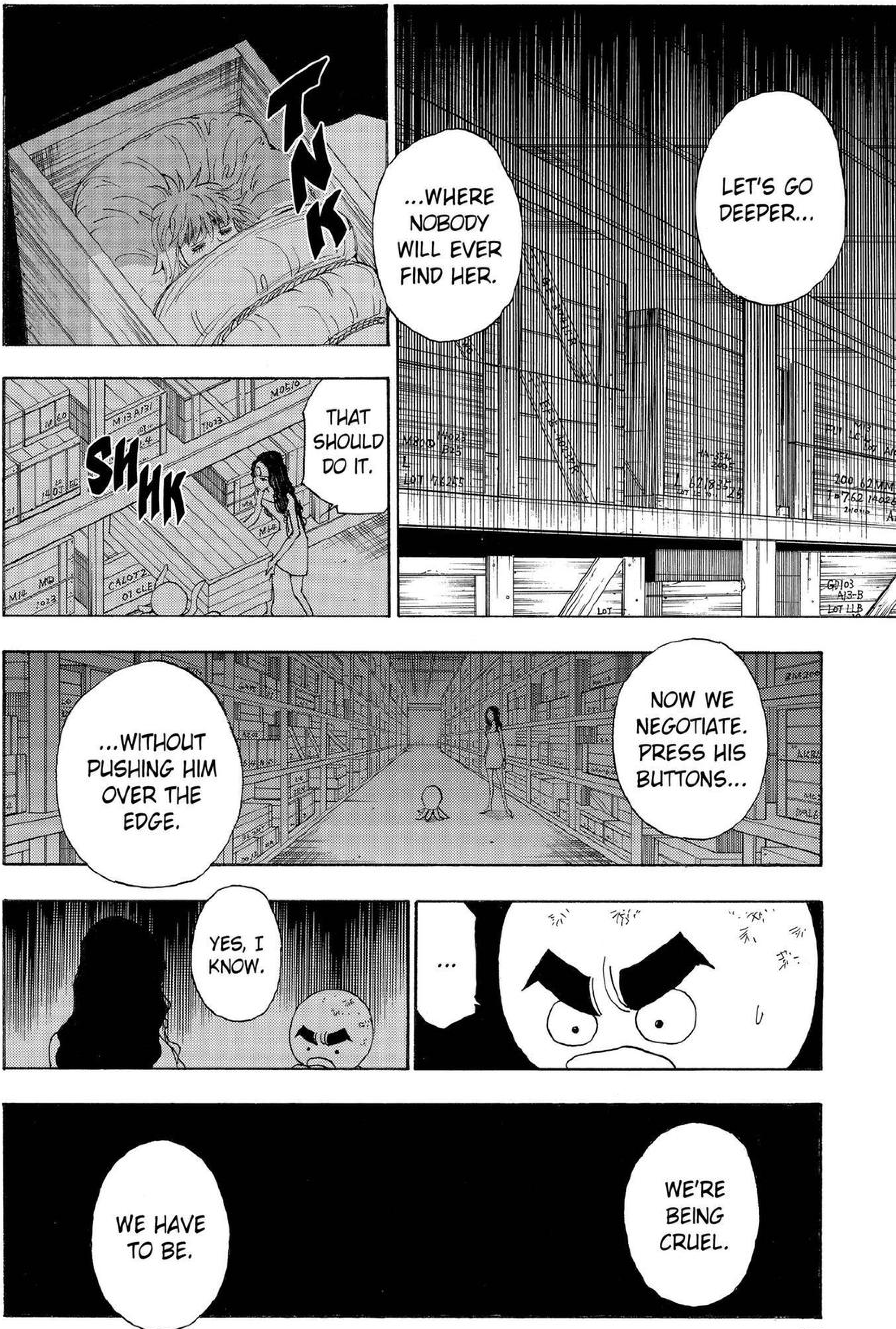
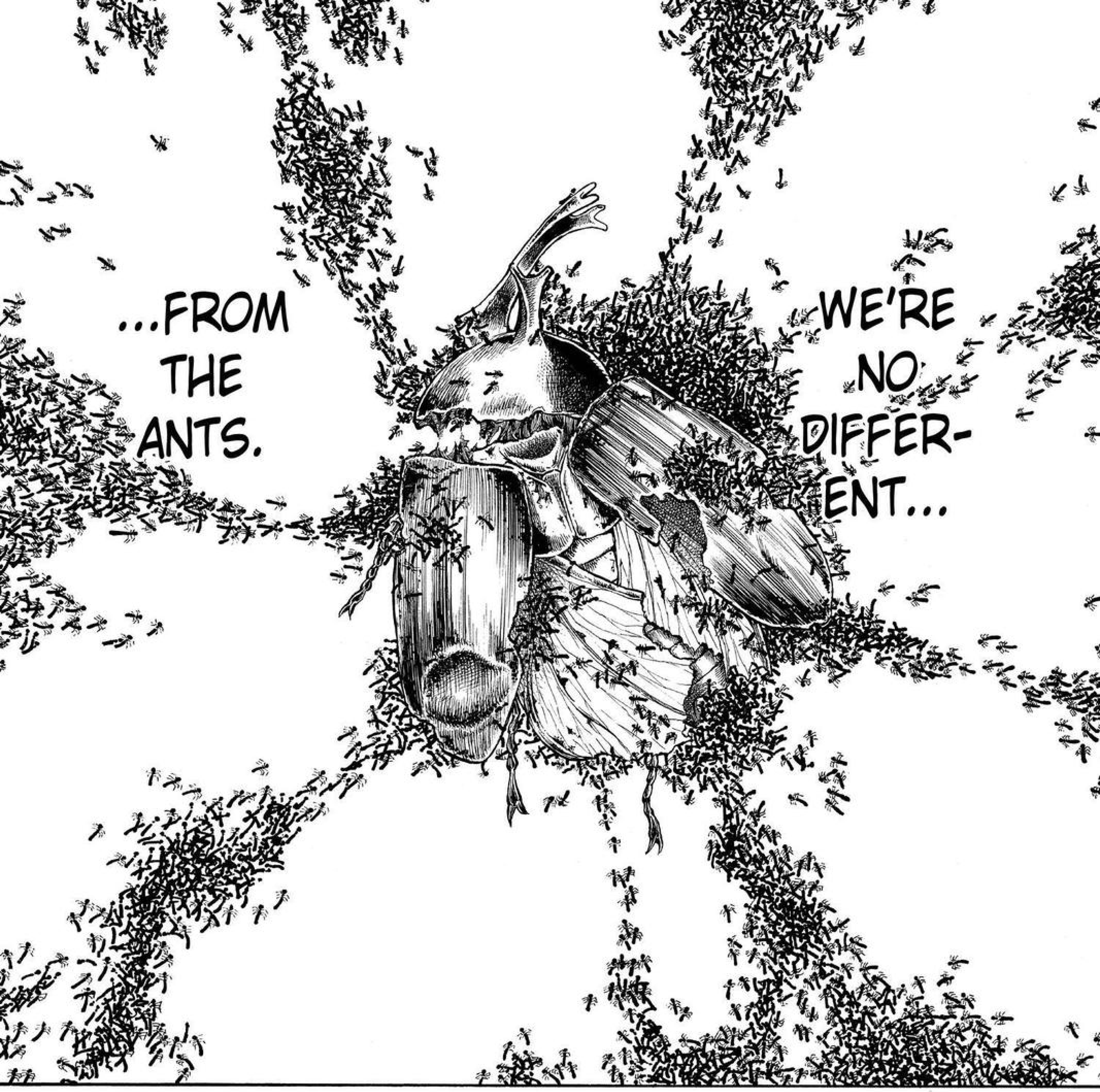
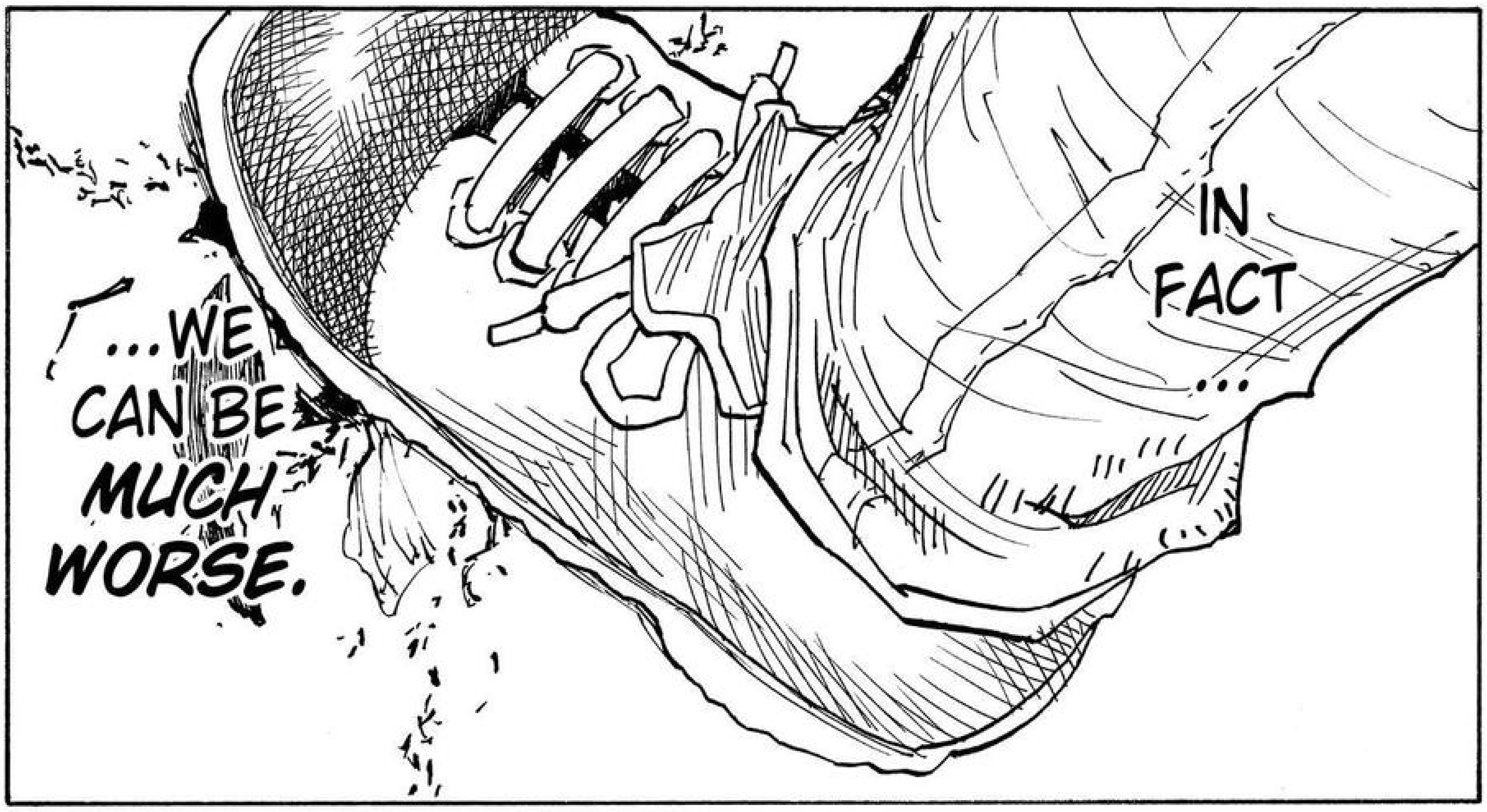
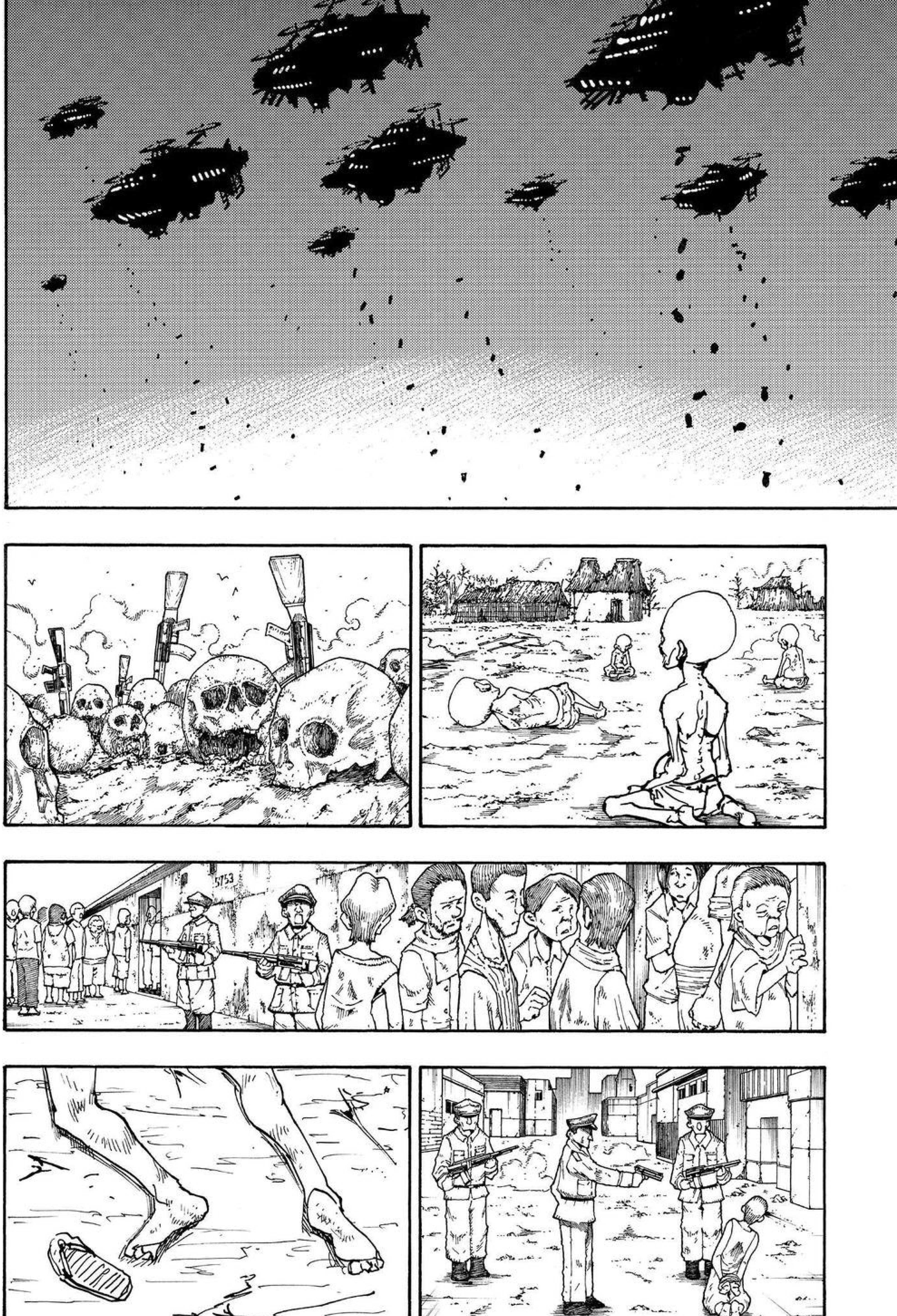
LIC 6778


LET'S GO DEEPER...
...WHERE NOBODY WILL EVER FIND HER.
TNK
THAT SHOULD DO IT.
SHHK
NOW WE NEGOTIATE. PRESS HIS BUTTONS...
...WITHOUT PUSHING HIM OVER THE EDGE.
...
YES, I KNOW.
WE'RE BEING CRUEL.
WE HAVE TO BE.


WE'RE NO DIFFERENT...
...FROM THE ANTS.


IN FACT...
...WE CAN BE *MUCH* *WORSE.*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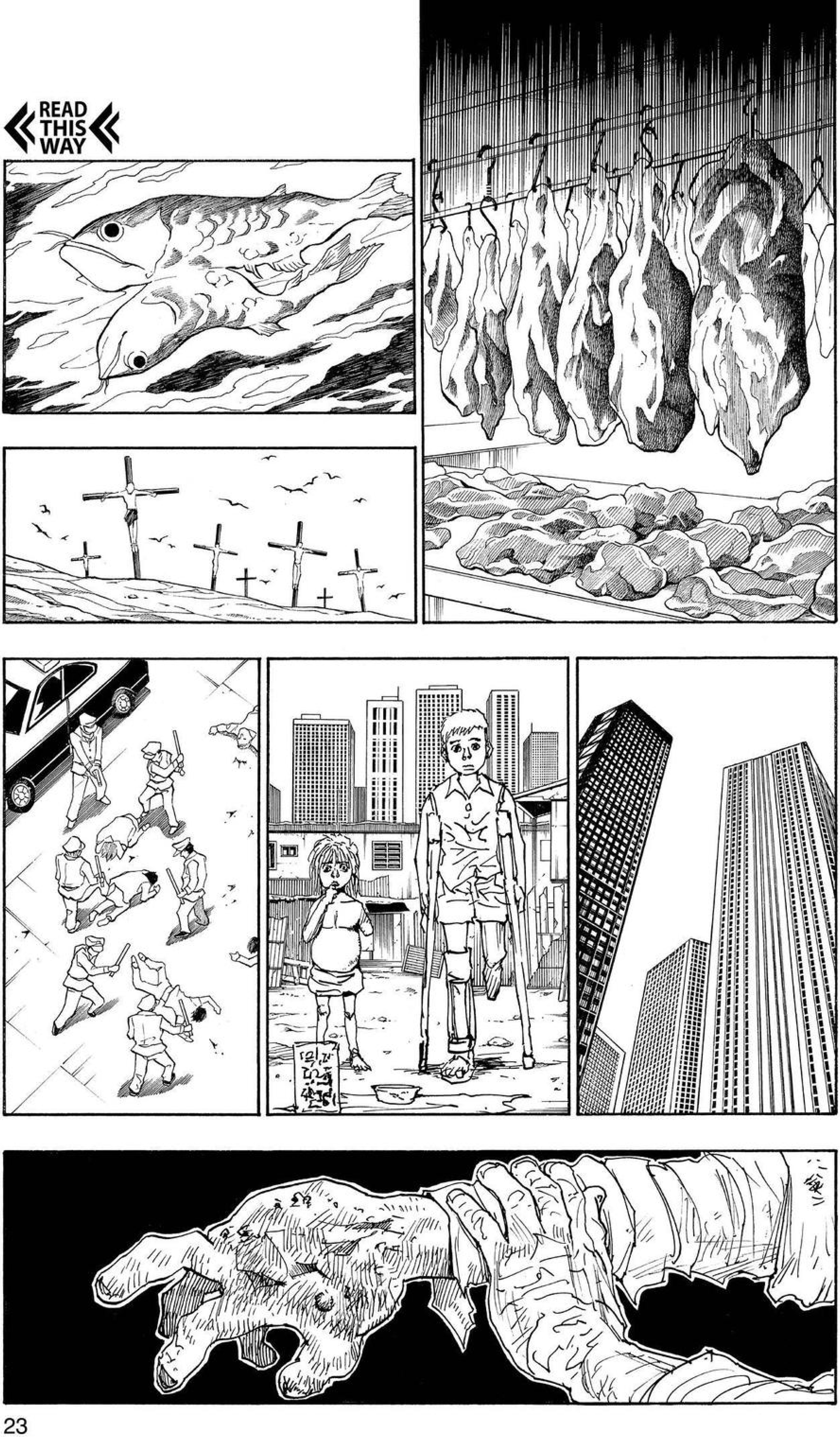

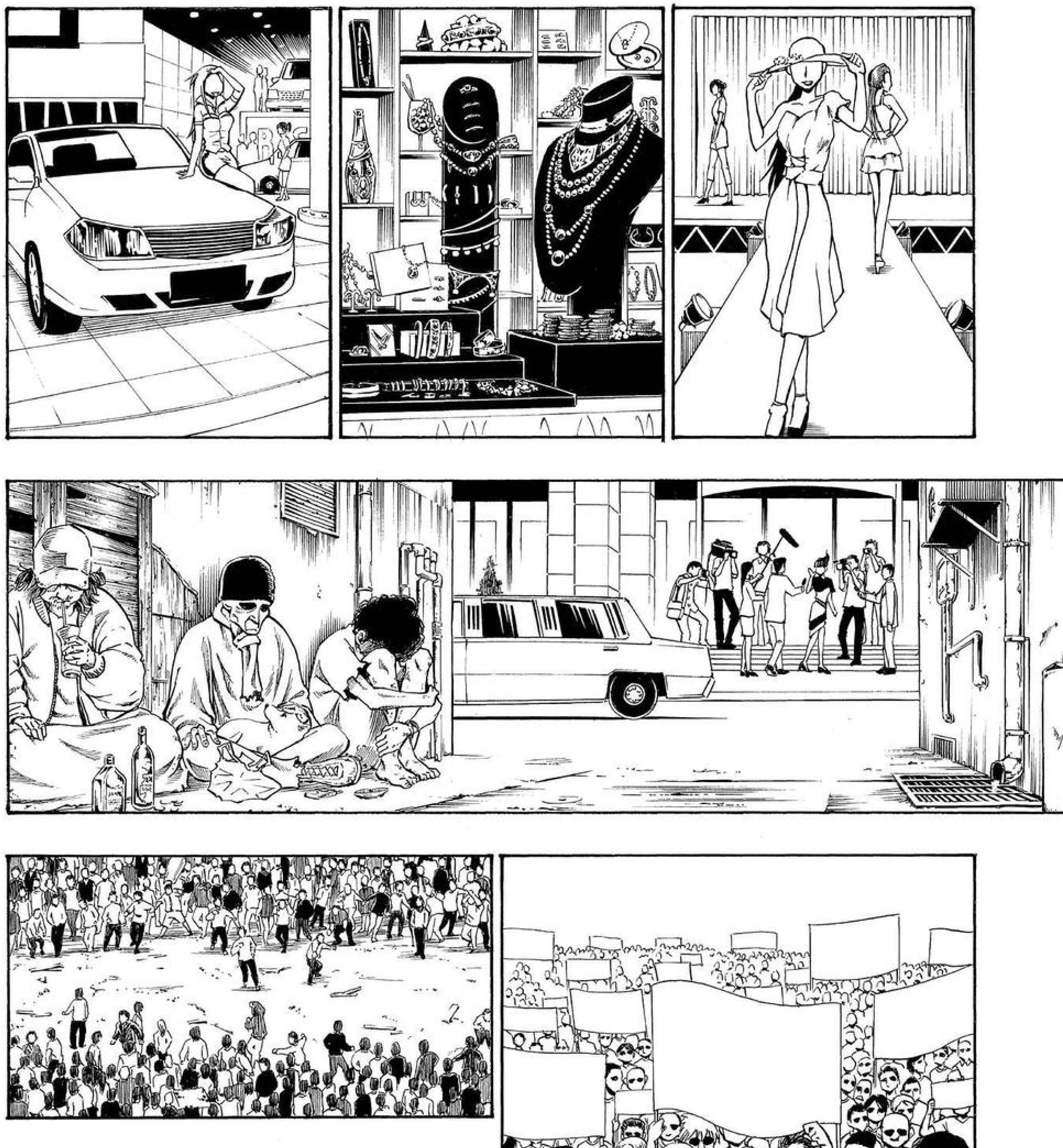

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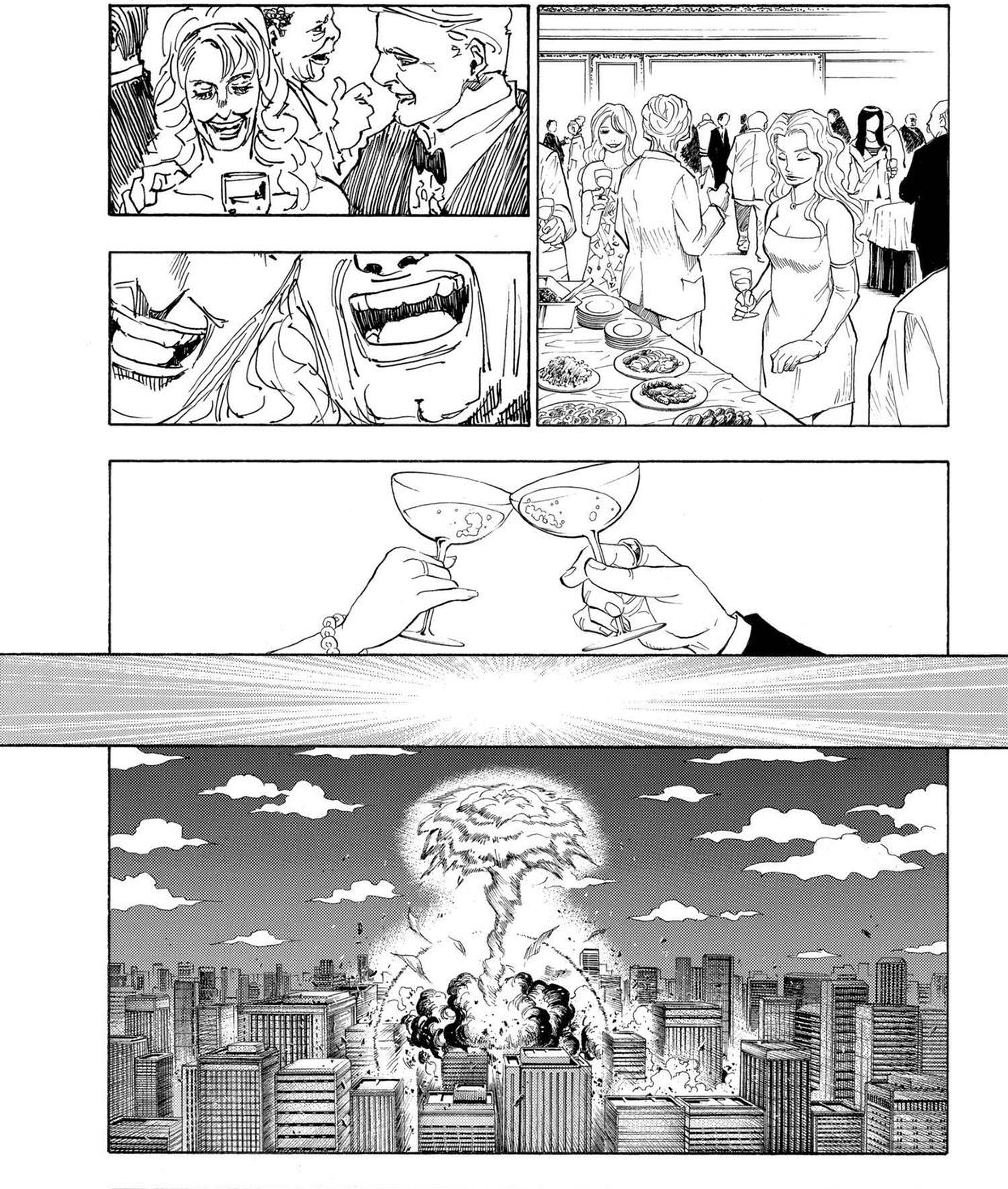
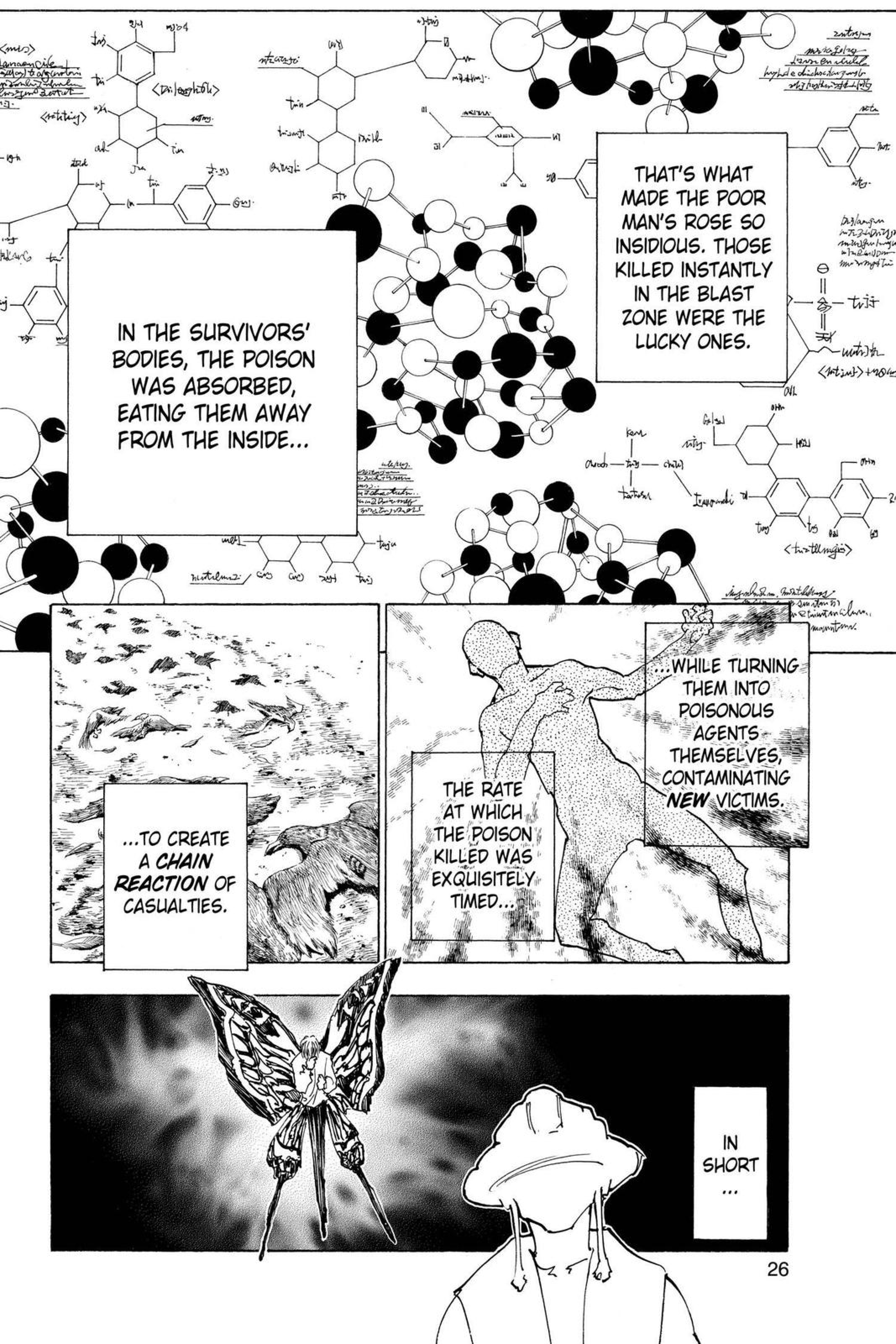
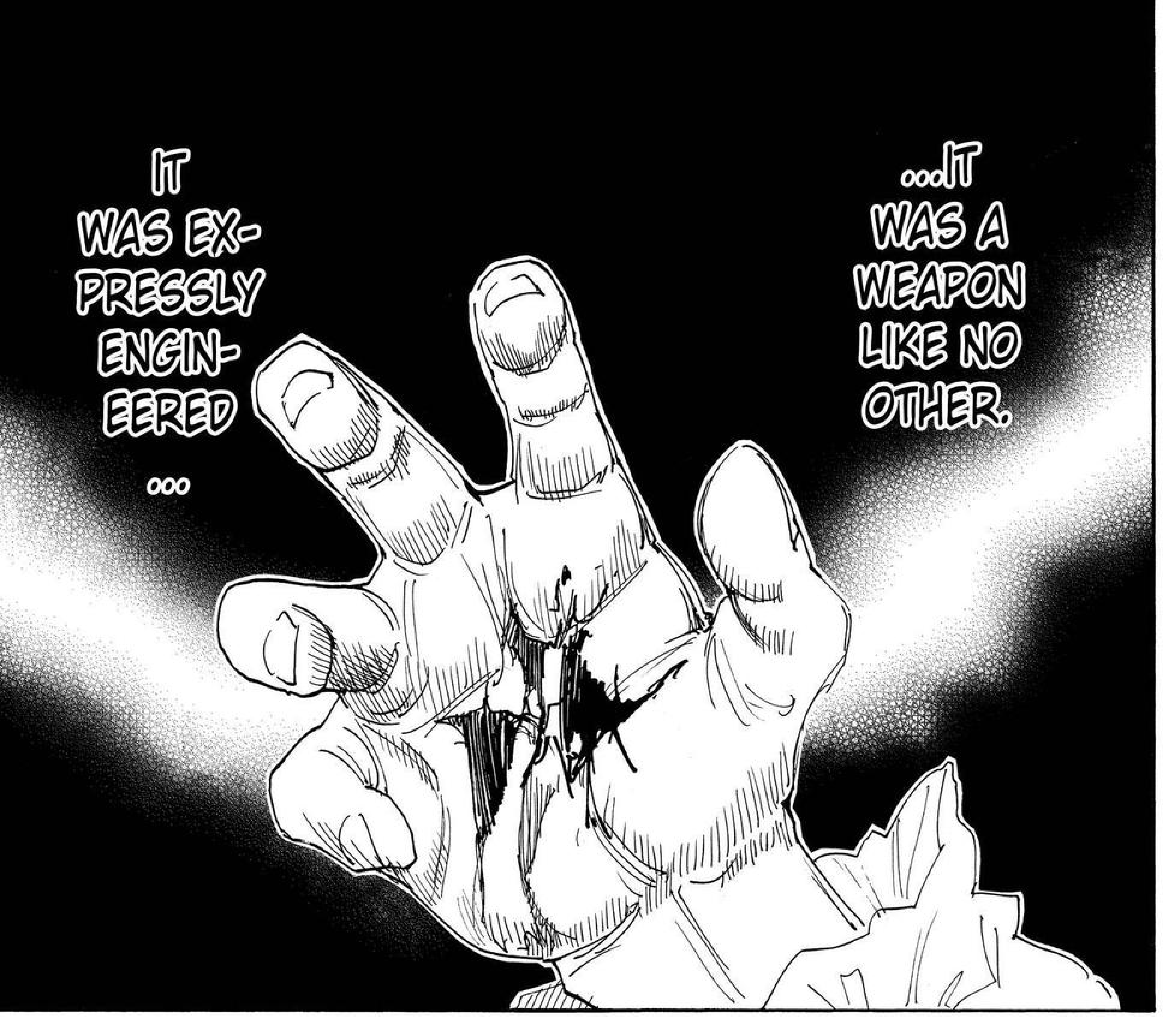
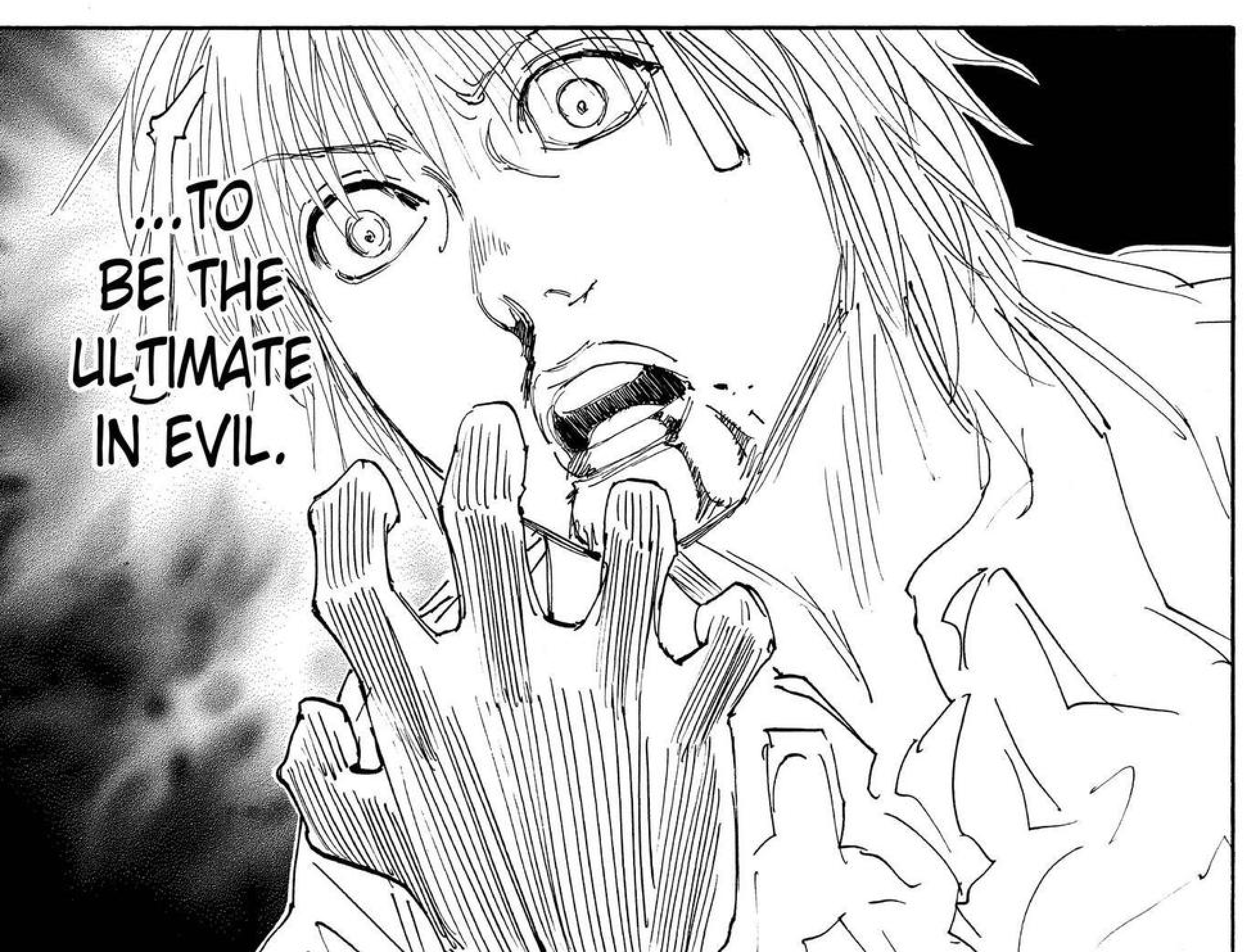
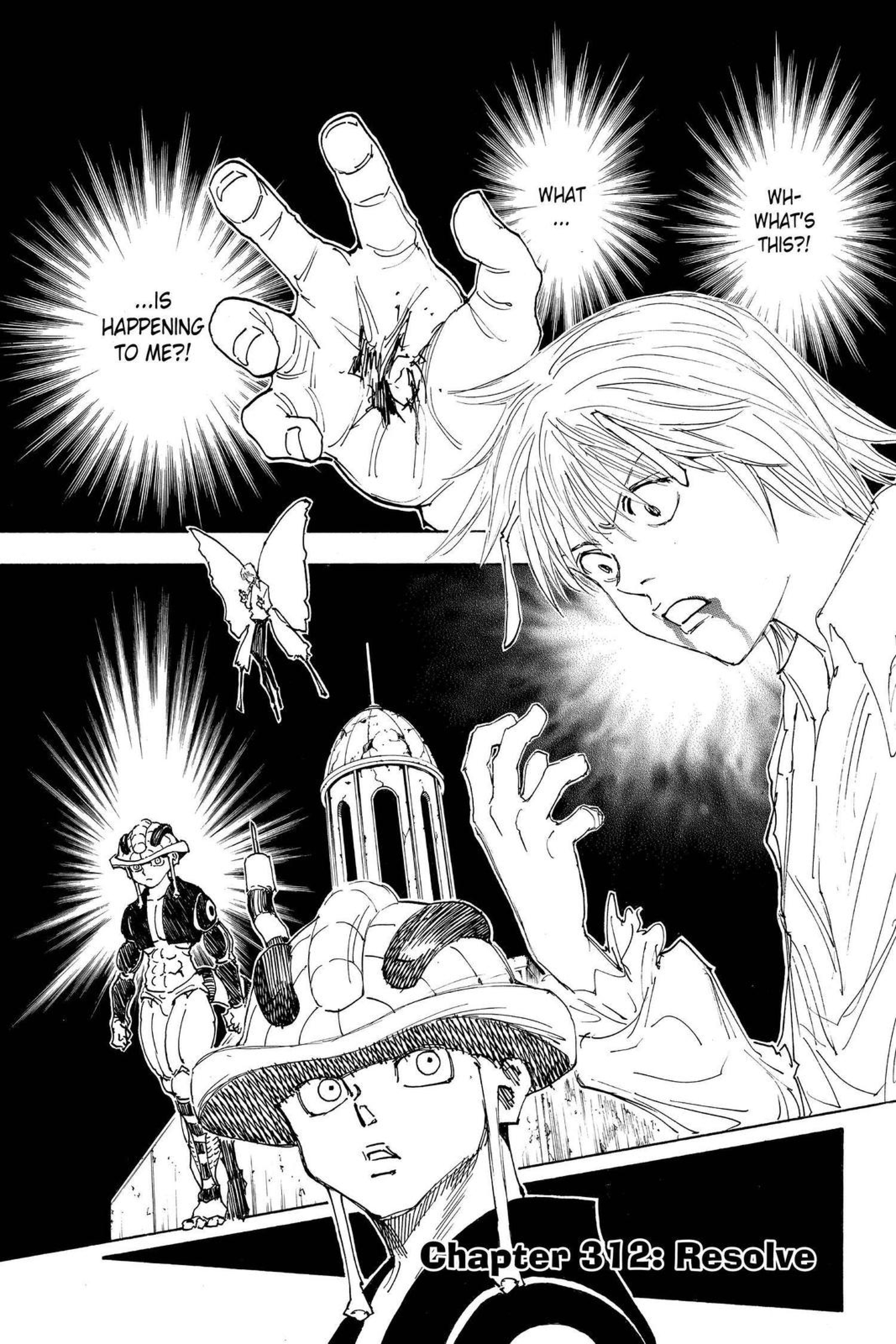

THE ROSE HAD POISONED THORNS.


THAT'S WHAT MADE THE POOR MAN'S ROSE SO INSIDIOUS. THOSE KILLED INSTANTLY IN THE BLAST ZONE WERE THE LUCKY ONES.
IN THE SURVIVORS' BODIES, THE POISON WAS ABSORBED, EATING THEM AWAY FROM THE INSIDE...
...WHILE TURNING THEM INTO POISONOUS AGENTS THEMSELVES, CONTAMINATING NEW VICTIMS.
THE RATE AT WHICH THE POISON KILLED WAS EXQUISITELY TIMED...
...TO CREATE A CHAIN REACTION OF CASUALTIES.
IN SHORT ...


...IT WAS A WEAPON LIKE NO OTHER.
IT WAS EXPRESSLY ENGINEERED...


...TO BE THE ULTIMATE IN EVIL.


WH- WHAT'S THIS?!
WHAT ...
...IS HAPPENING TO ME?!

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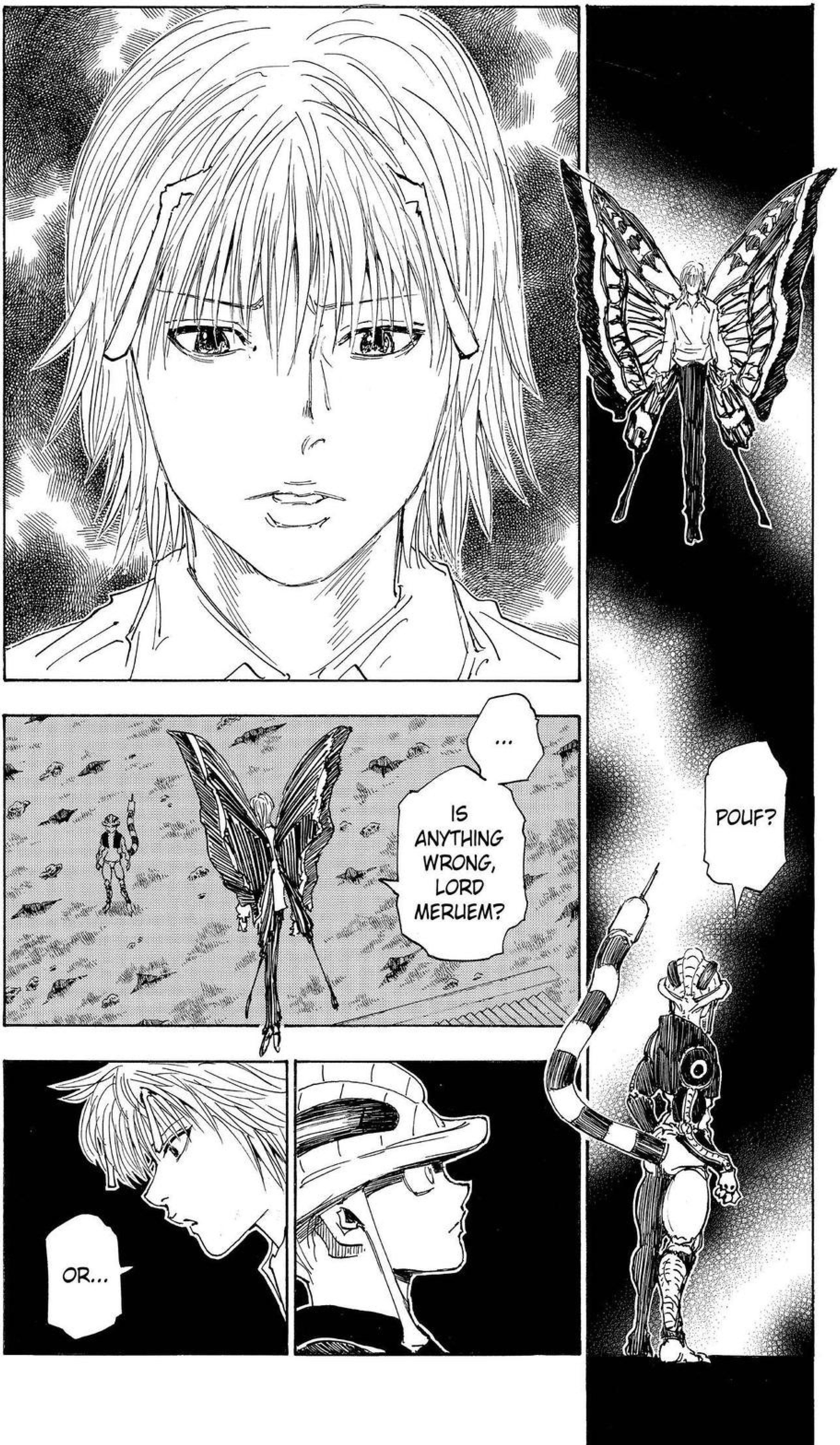
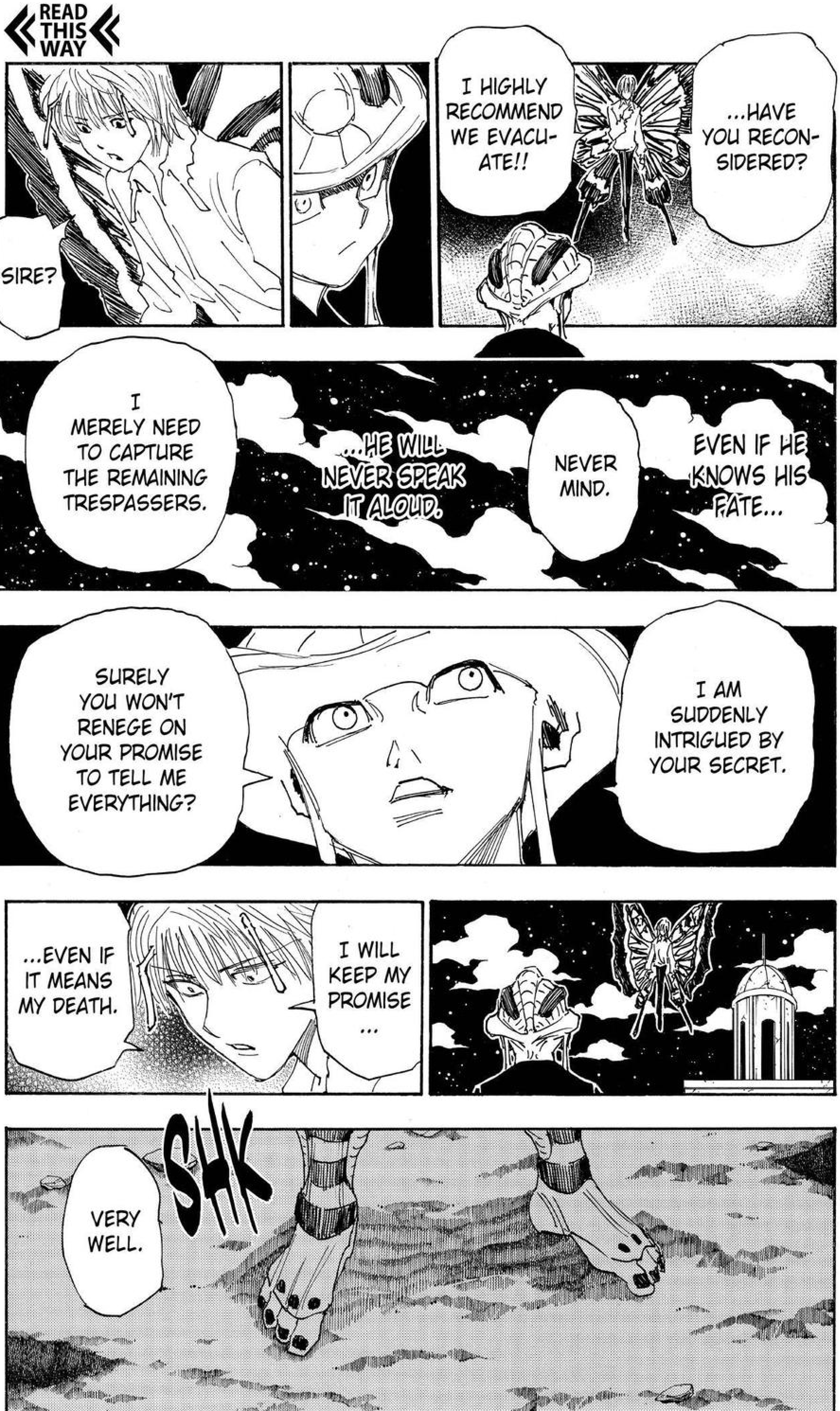
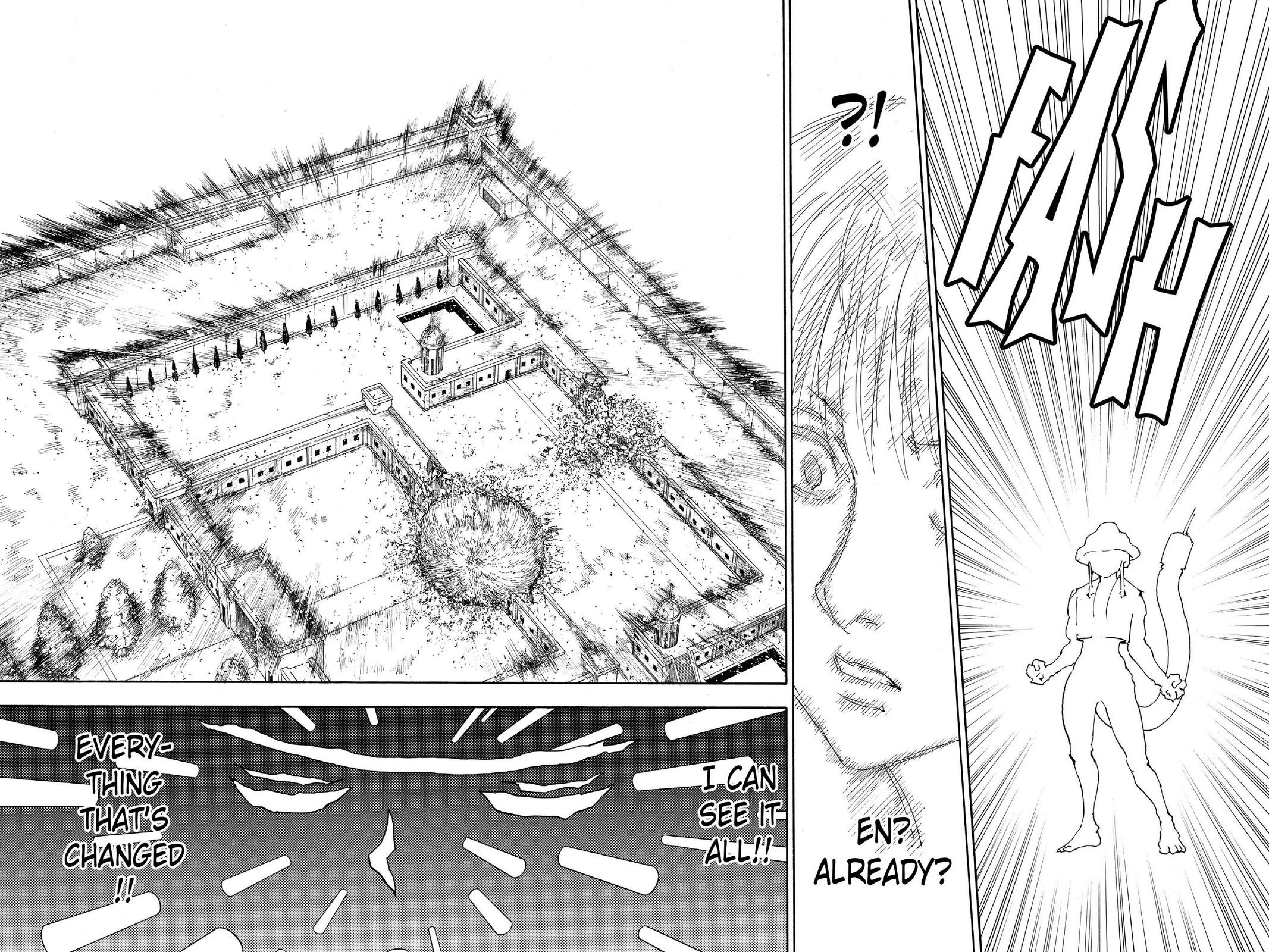
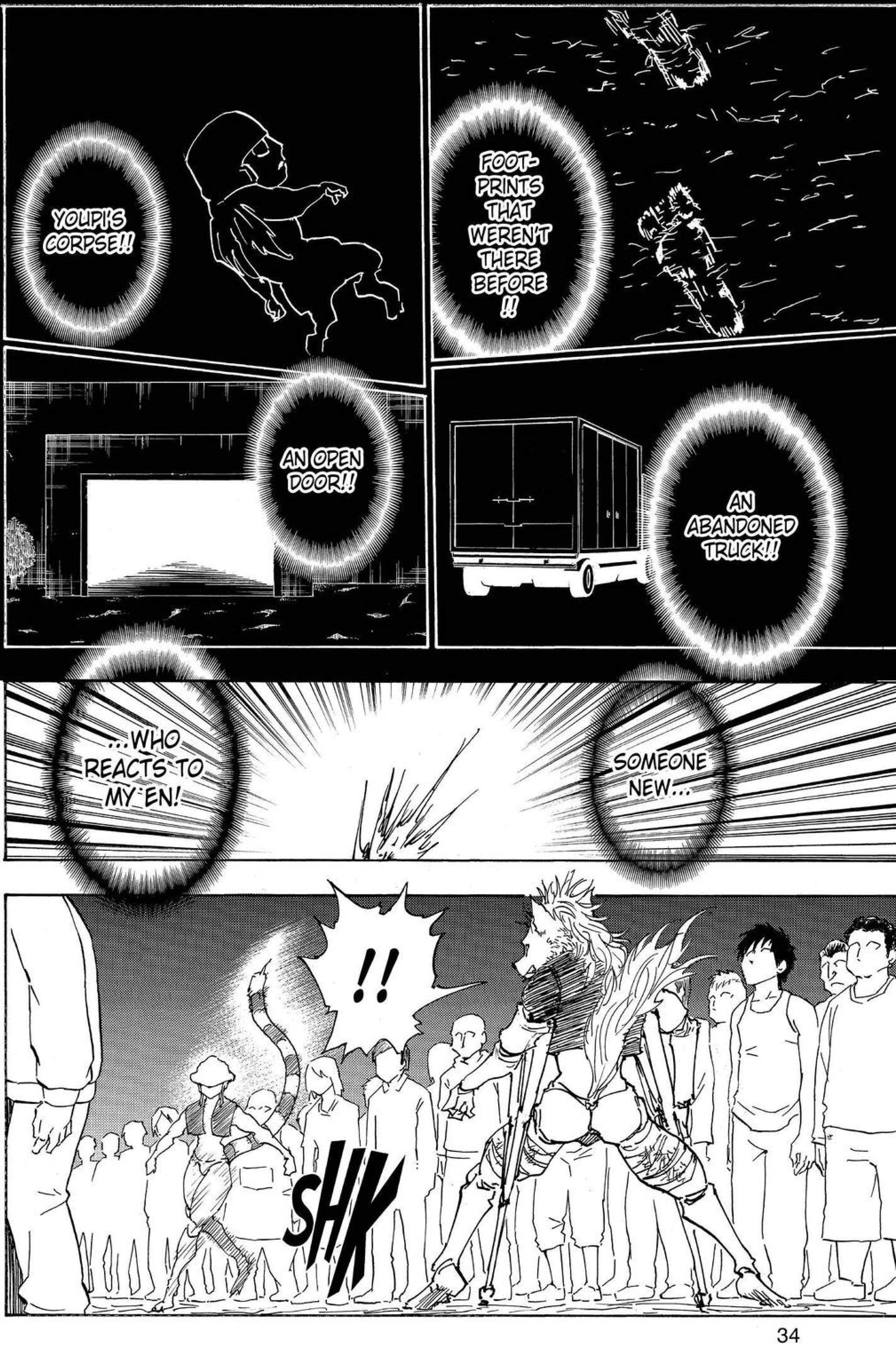
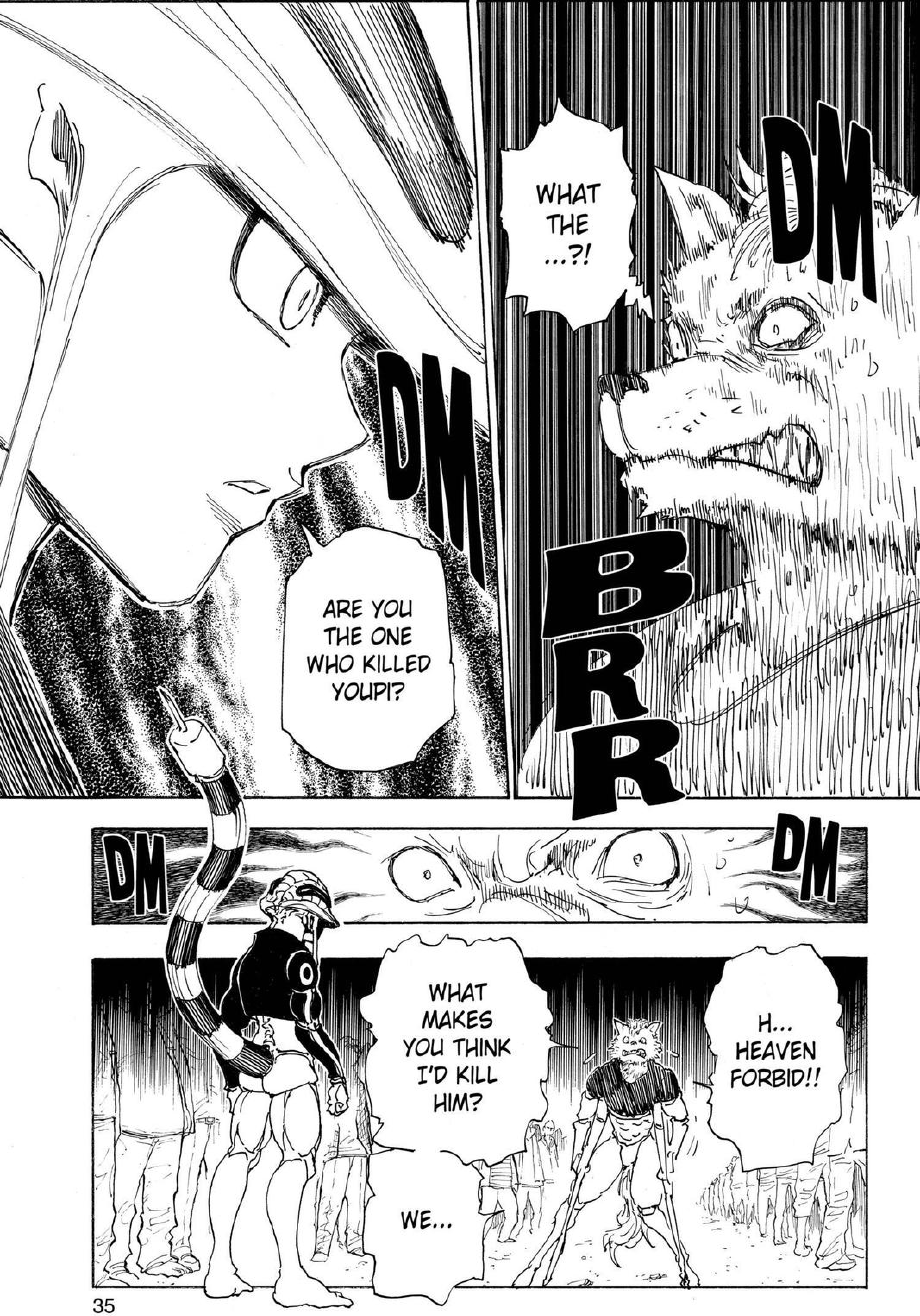
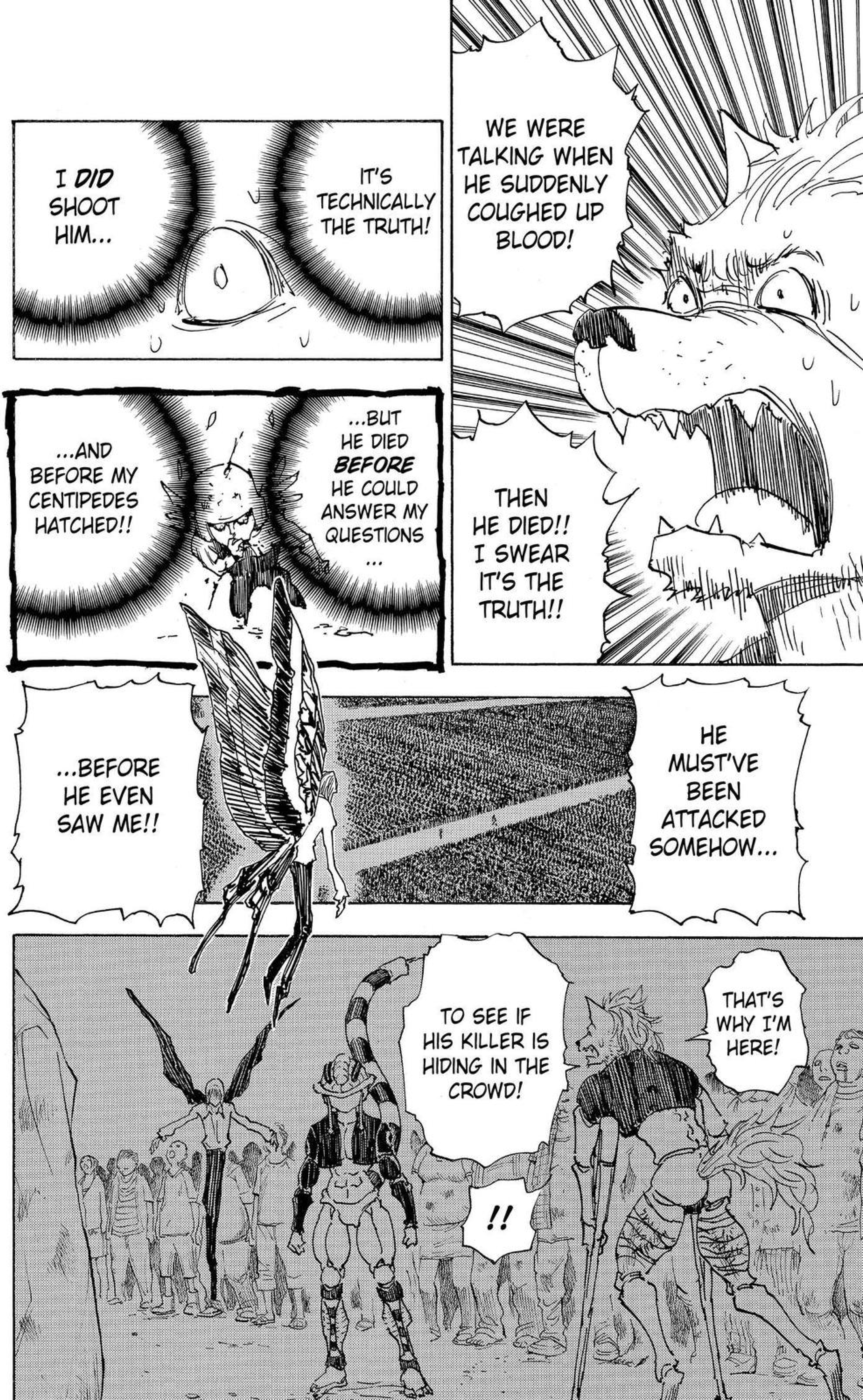

POUF?
...
IS ANYTHING WRONG, LORD MERUEM?
OR...

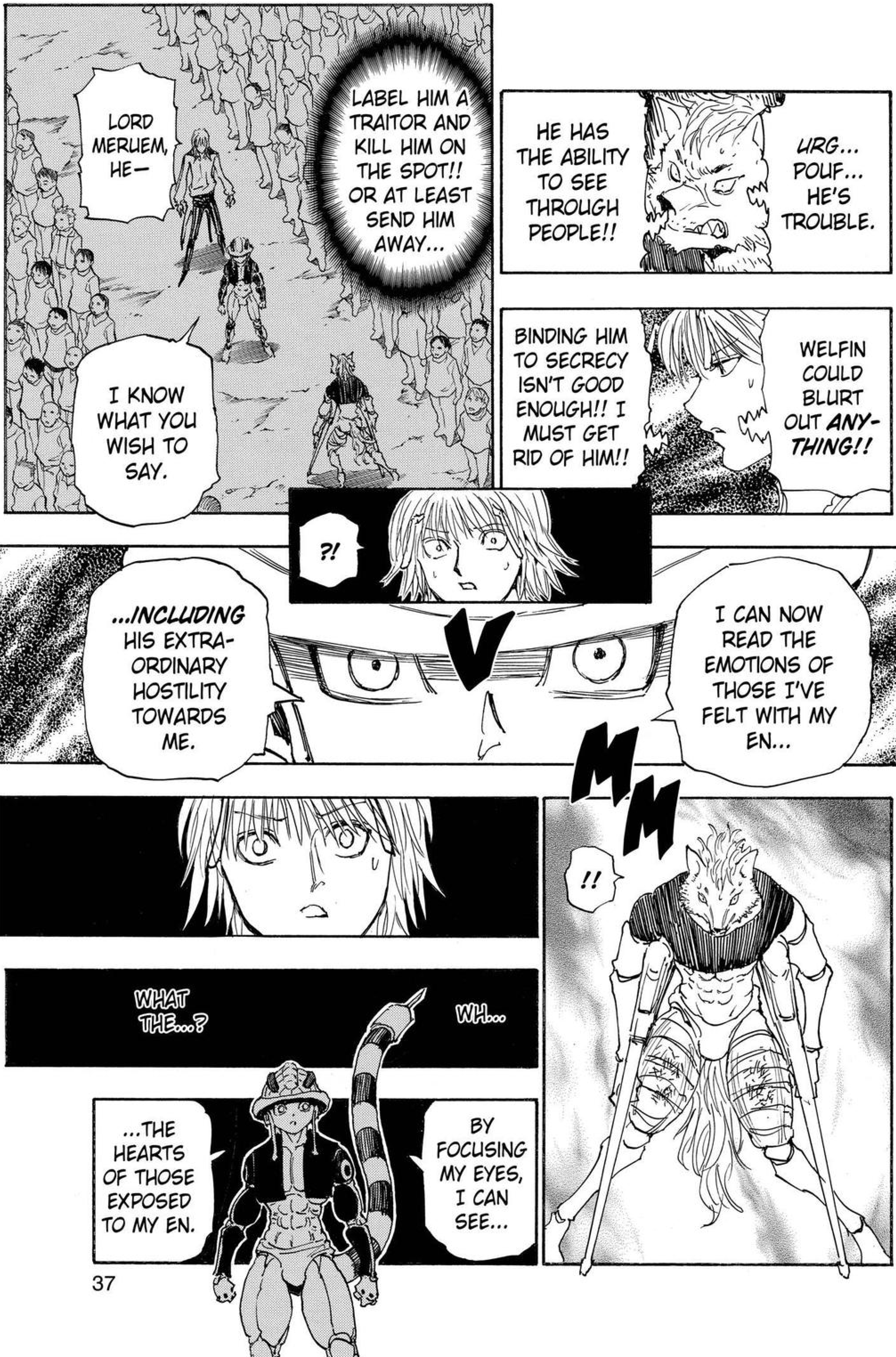

READ THIS WAY
...HAVE YOU RECONSIDERED?
I HIGHLY RECOMMEND WE EVACUATE!!
SIRE?
EVEN IF HE KNOWS HIS FATE...
NEVER MIND.
...HE WILL NEVER SPEAK IT ALOUD.
I MERELY NEED TO CAPTURE THE REMAINING TRESPASSERS.
I AM SUDDENLY INTRIGUED BY YOUR SECRET.
SURELY YOU WON'T RENEGE ON YOUR PROMISE TO TELL ME EVERYTHING?
I WILL KEEP MY PROMISE ...
...EVEN IF IT MEANS MY DEATH.
SHK
VERY WELL.

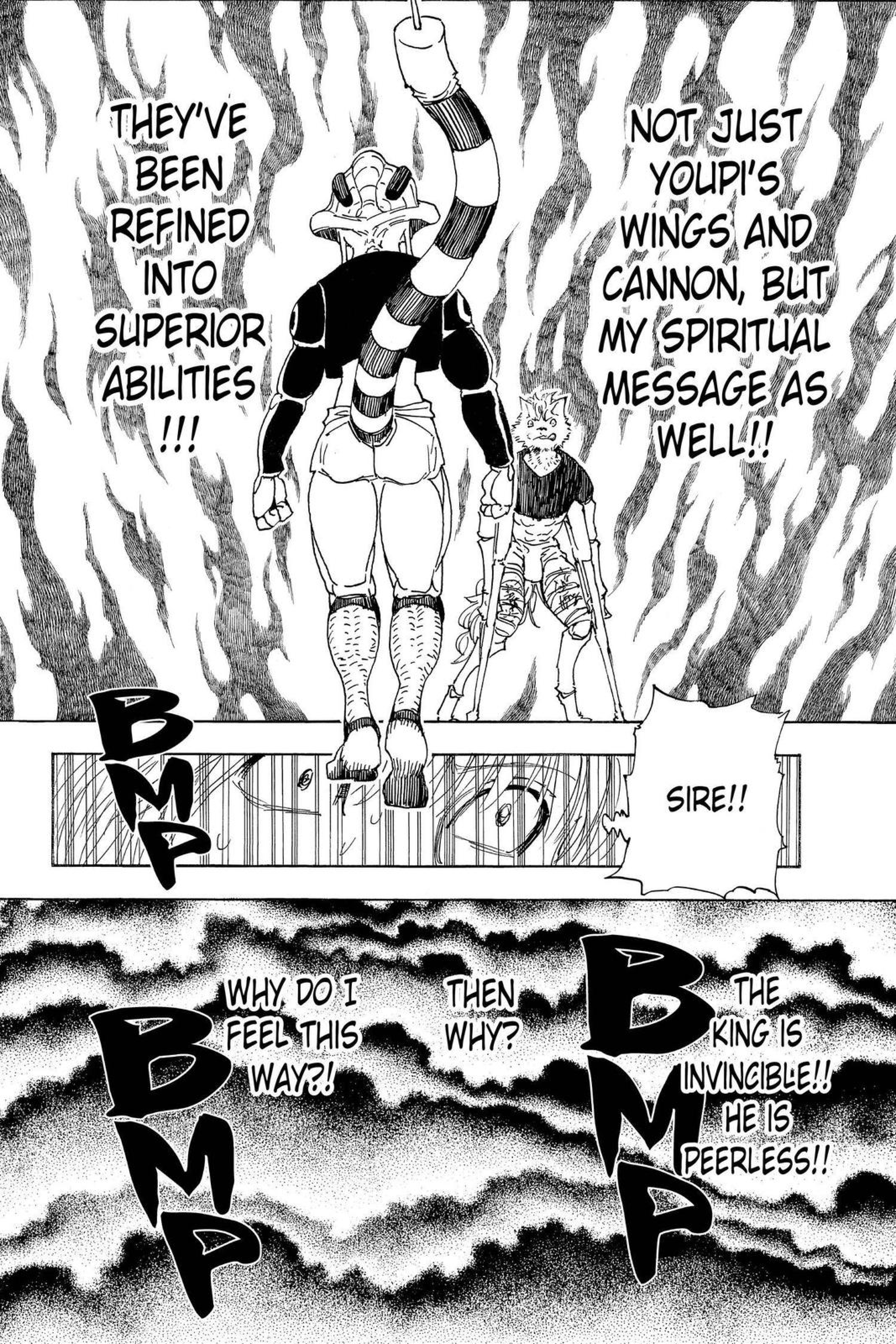

FAAH
?!
EN? ALREADY?
I CAN SEE IT ALL!!
EVERYTHING THAT'S CHANGED!!

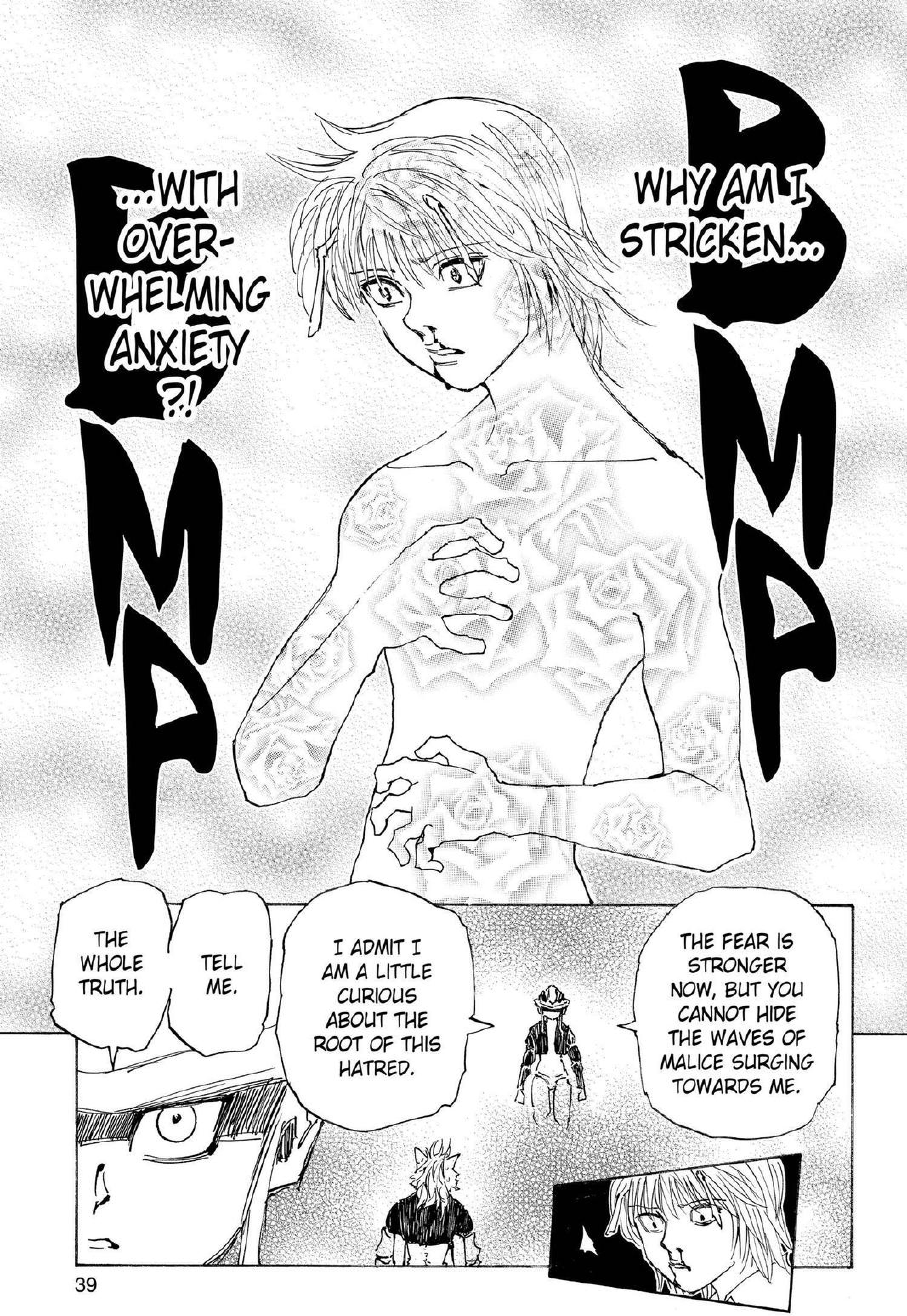

FOOT-PRINTS THAT WEREN'T THERE BEFORE!!
YOUPI'S CORPSE!!
AN ABANDONED TRUCK!!
AN OPEN DOOR!!
SOMEONE NEW...
...WHO REACTS TO MY EN!
!!
SHK


DM
WHAT THE ...?!
BRR
DM
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO KILLED YOUPI?
DM
DM
H... HEAVEN FORBID!!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'D KILL HIM?
WE...


WE WERE TALKING WHEN HE SUDDENLY COUGHED UP BLOOD!
THEN HE DIED!! I SWEAR IT'S THE TRUTH!!
IT'S TECHNICALLY THE TRUTH!
I DID SHOOT HIM...
...BUT HE DIED BEFORE HE COULD ANSWER MY QUESTIONS...
...AND BEFORE MY CENTIPEDES HATCHED!!
HE MUST'VE BEEN ATTACKED SOMEHOW...
...BEFORE HE EVEN SAW ME!!
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!
TO SEE IF HIS KILLER IS HIDING IN THE CROWD!
!!


URG... POUF... HE'S TROUBLE.
HE HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE THROUGH PEOPLE!!
WELFIN COULD BLURT OUT ANYTHING!!
BINDING HIM TO SECRECY ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH!! I MUST GET RID OF HIM!!
LABEL HIM A TRAITOR AND KILL HIM ON THE SPOT!! OR AT LEAST SEND HIM AWAY...
LORD MERUEM, HE—
I KNOW WHAT YOU WISH TO SAY.
?!
I CAN NOW READ THE EMOTIONS OF THOSE I'VE FELT WITH MY EN...
...INCLUDING HIS EXTRAORDINARY HOSTILITY TOWARDS ME.
MM
!!
WH...
WHAT THE...?
BY FOCUSING MY EYES, I CAN SEE...
...THE HEARTS OF THOSE EXPOSED TO MY EN.


NOT JUST YOUPI'S WINGS AND CANNON, BUT MY SPIRITUAL MESSAGE AS WELL!!
THEY'VE BEEN REFINED INTO SUPERIOR ABILITIES!!!
SIRE!!
BMP
THE KING IS INVINCIBLE!! HE IS PEERLESS!!
BMP
THEN WHY?
WHY DO I FEEL THIS WAY?!
BMP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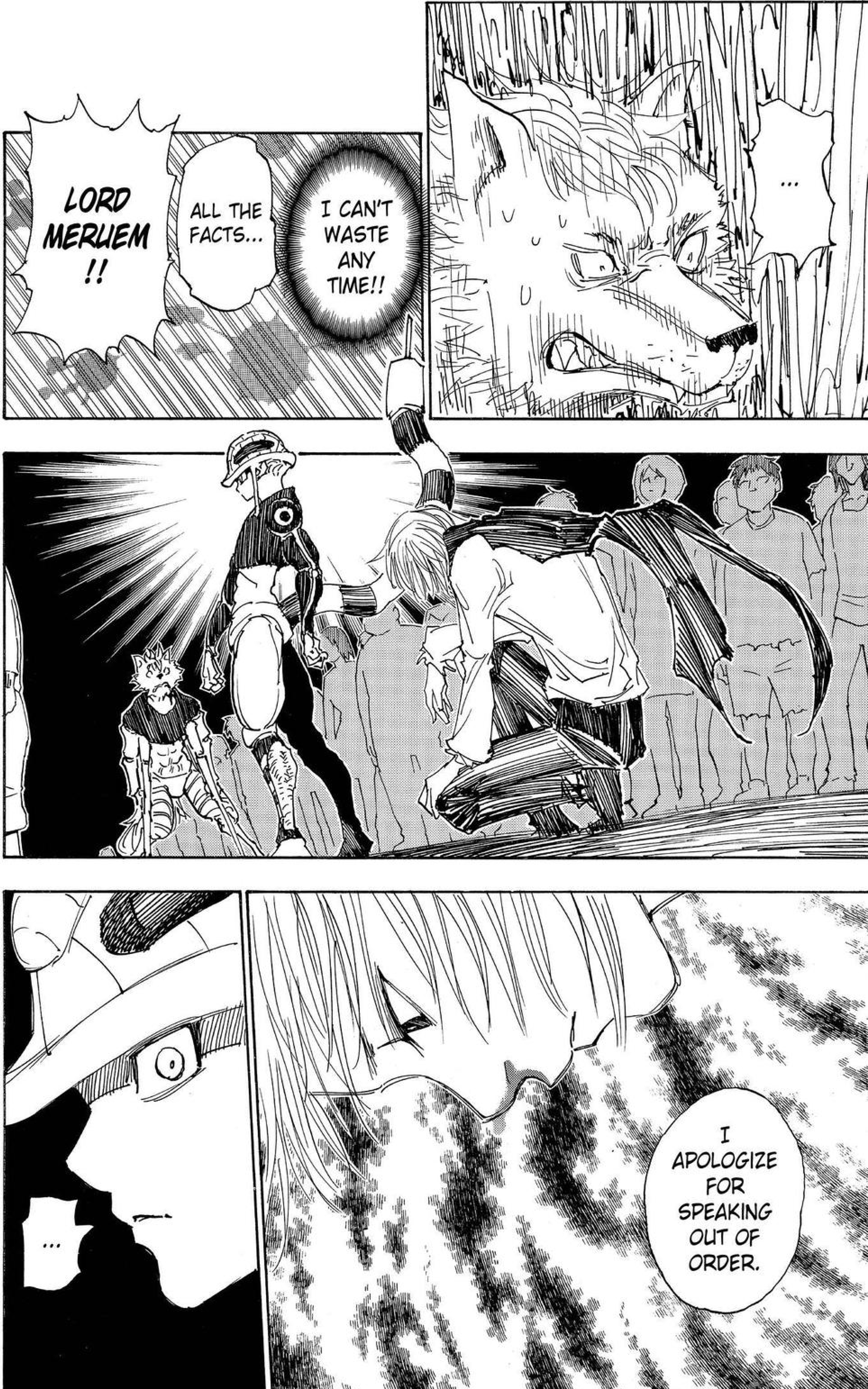
WHY AM I STRICKEN...
BMP
...WITH OVER-WHELMING ANXIETY?!
THE FEAR IS STRONGER NOW, BUT YOU CANNOT HIDE THE WAVES OF MALICE SURGING TOWARDS ME.
I ADMIT I AM A LITTLE CURIOUS ABOUT THE ROOT OF THIS HATRED.
TELL ME.
THE WHOLE TRUTH.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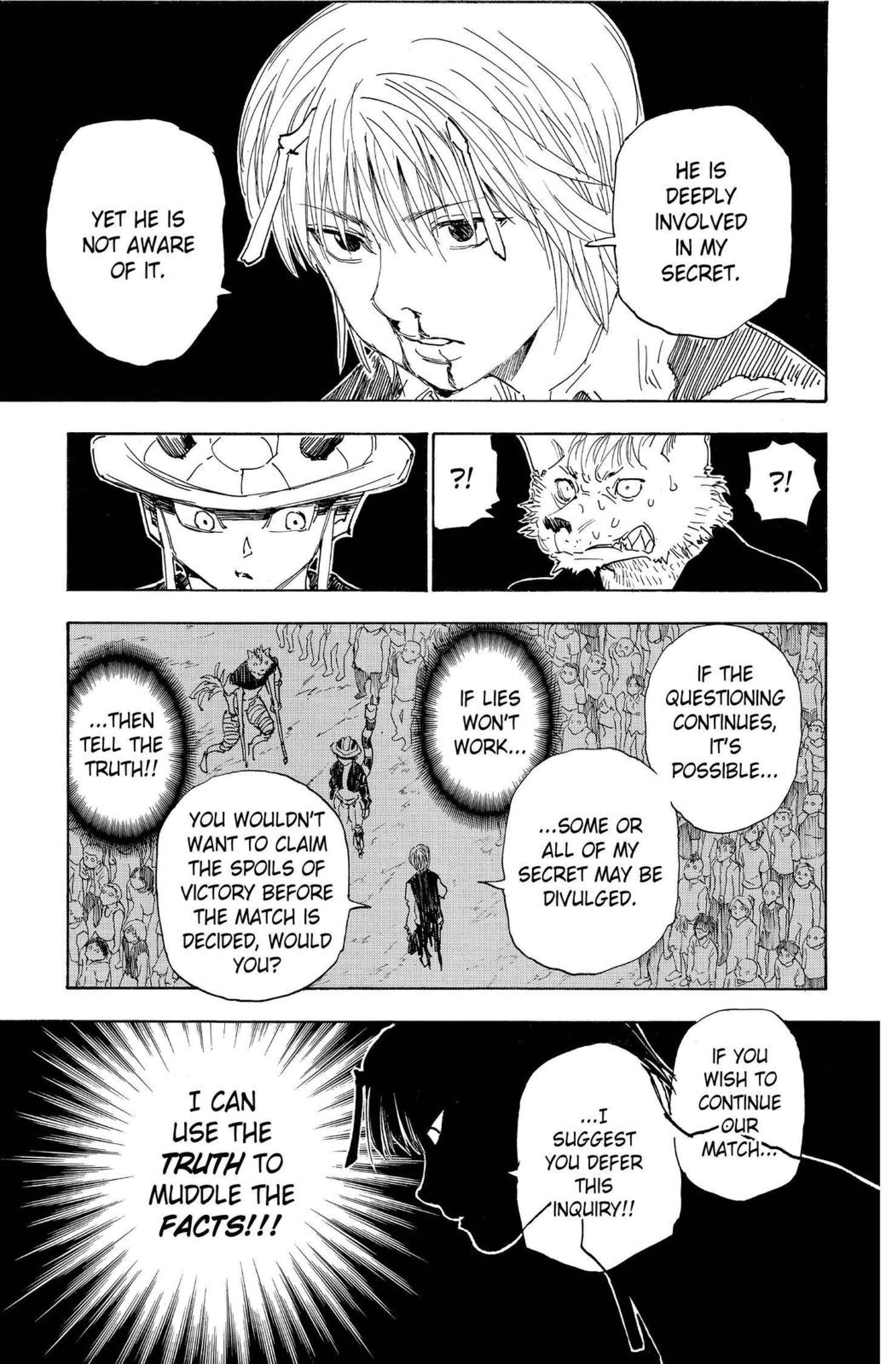
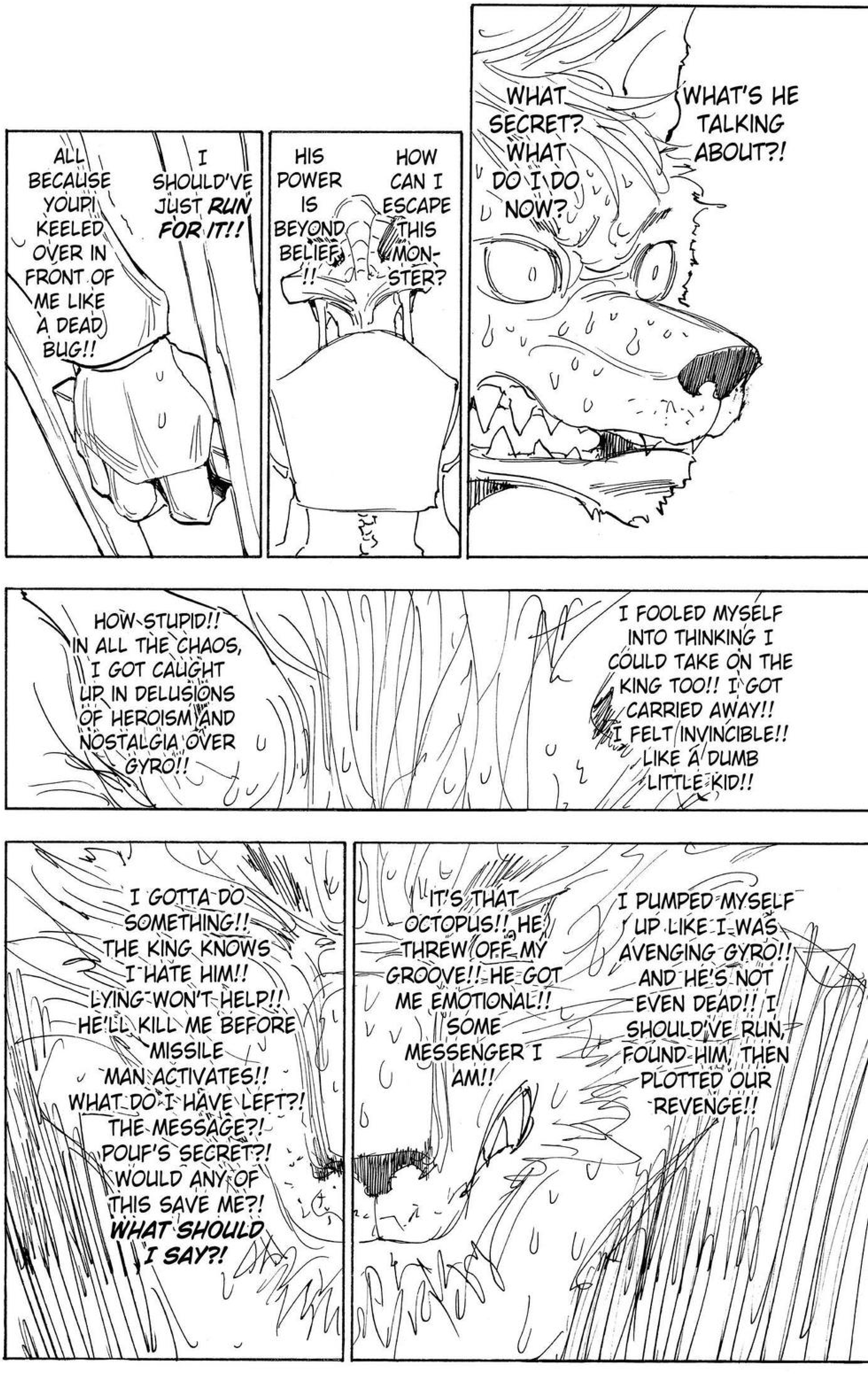
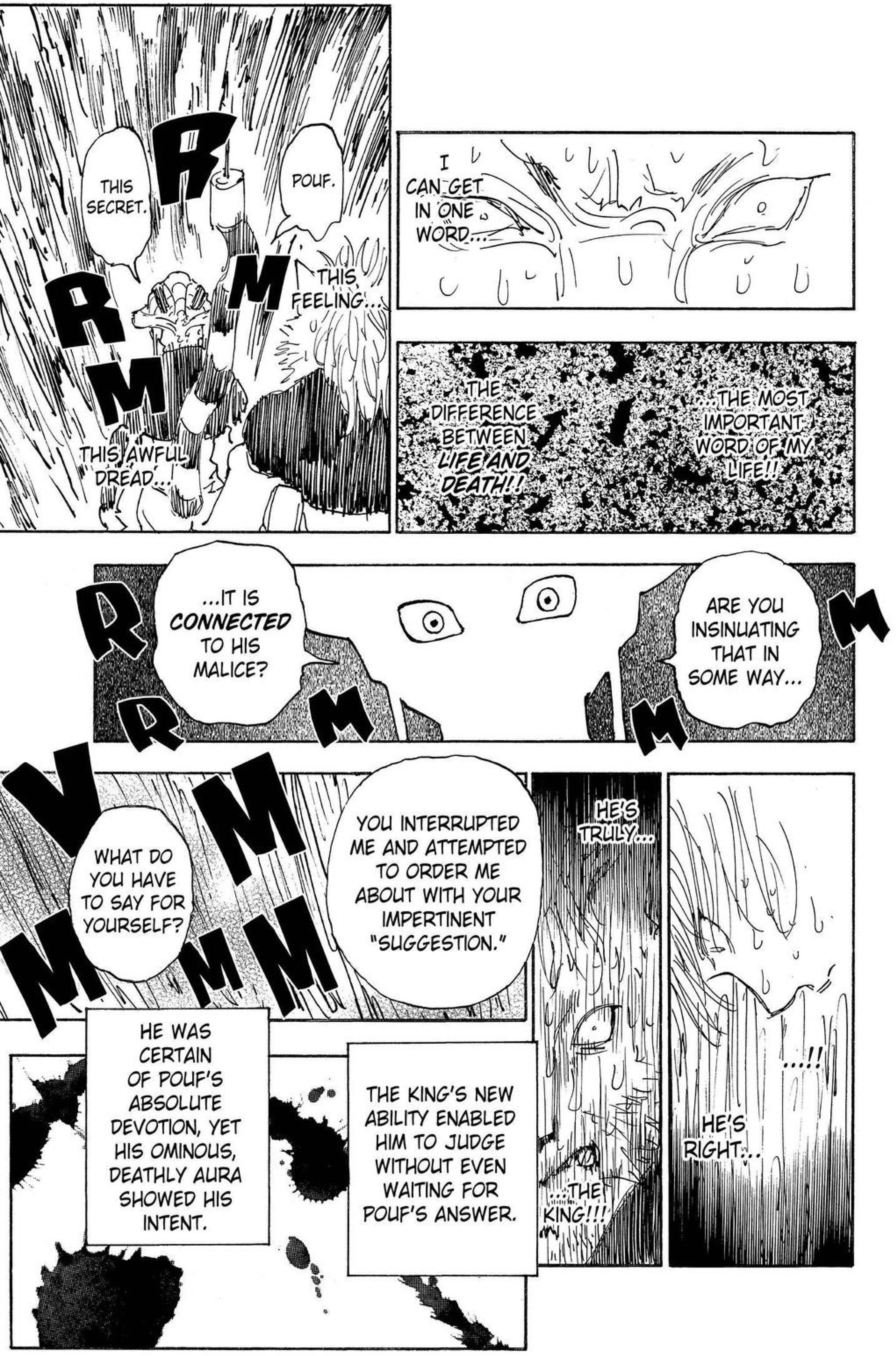
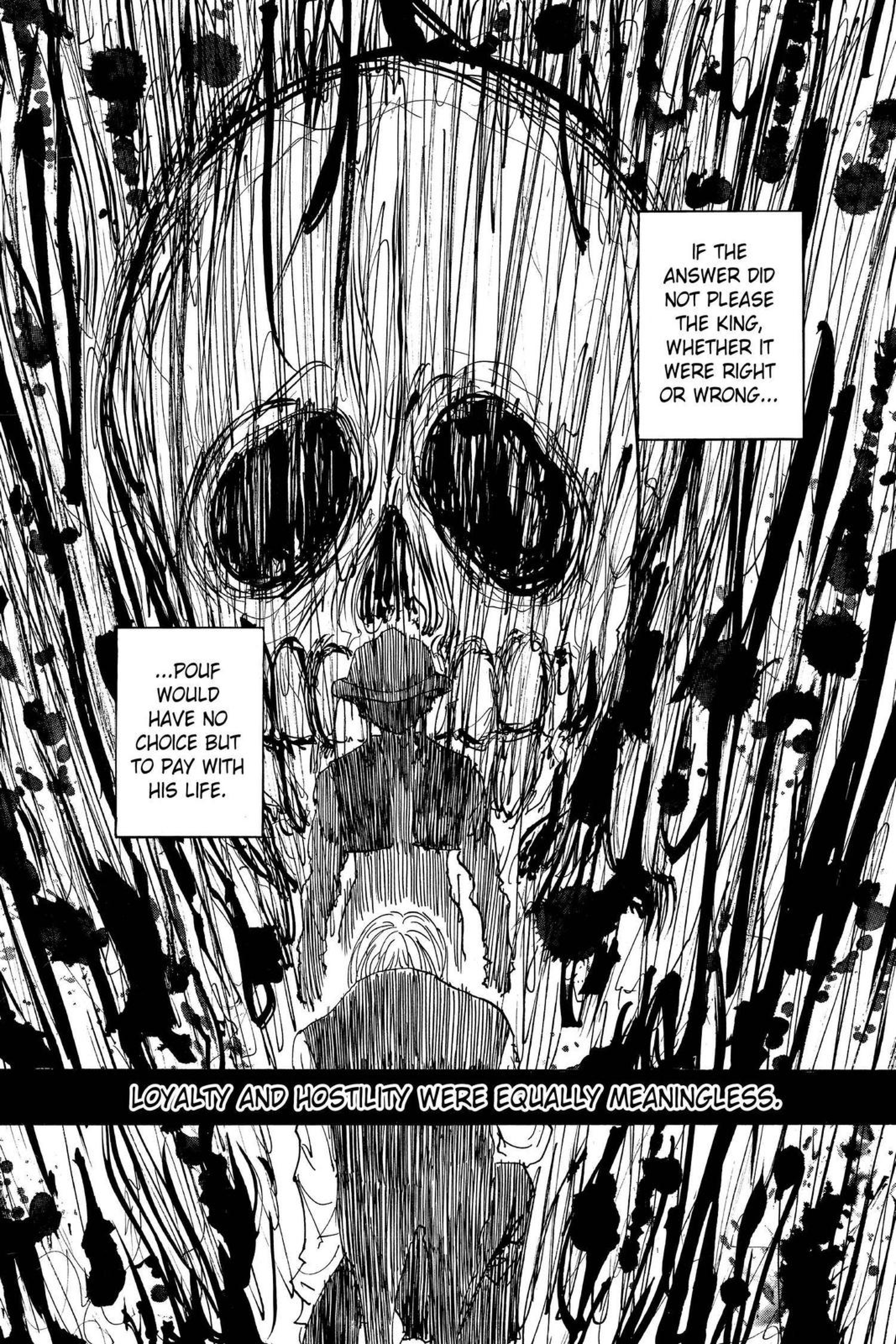
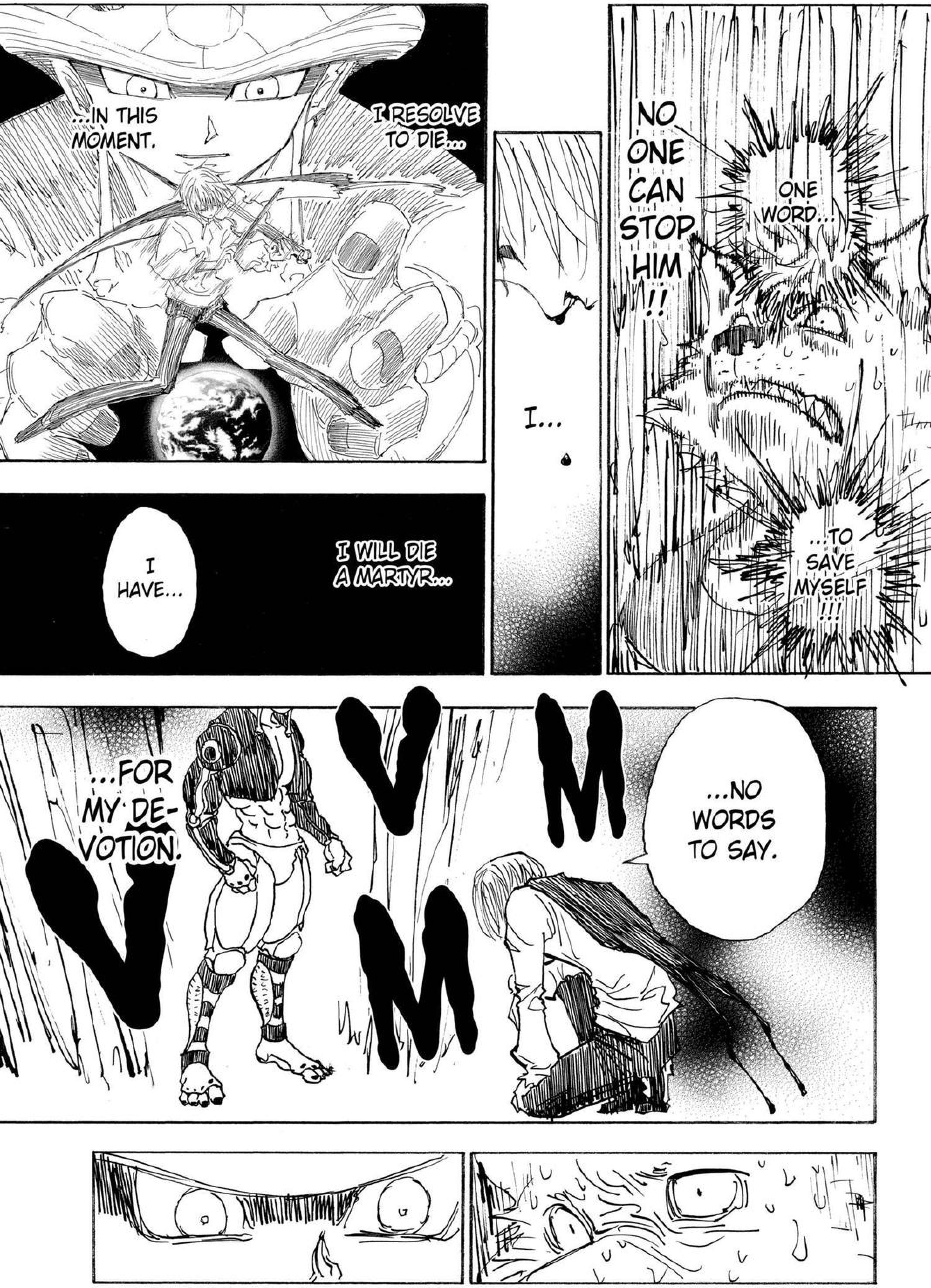
I CAN'T WASTE ANY TIME!!
ALL THE FACTS...
LORD MERUEM !!
I APOLOGIZE FOR SPEAKING OUT OF ORDER.
...

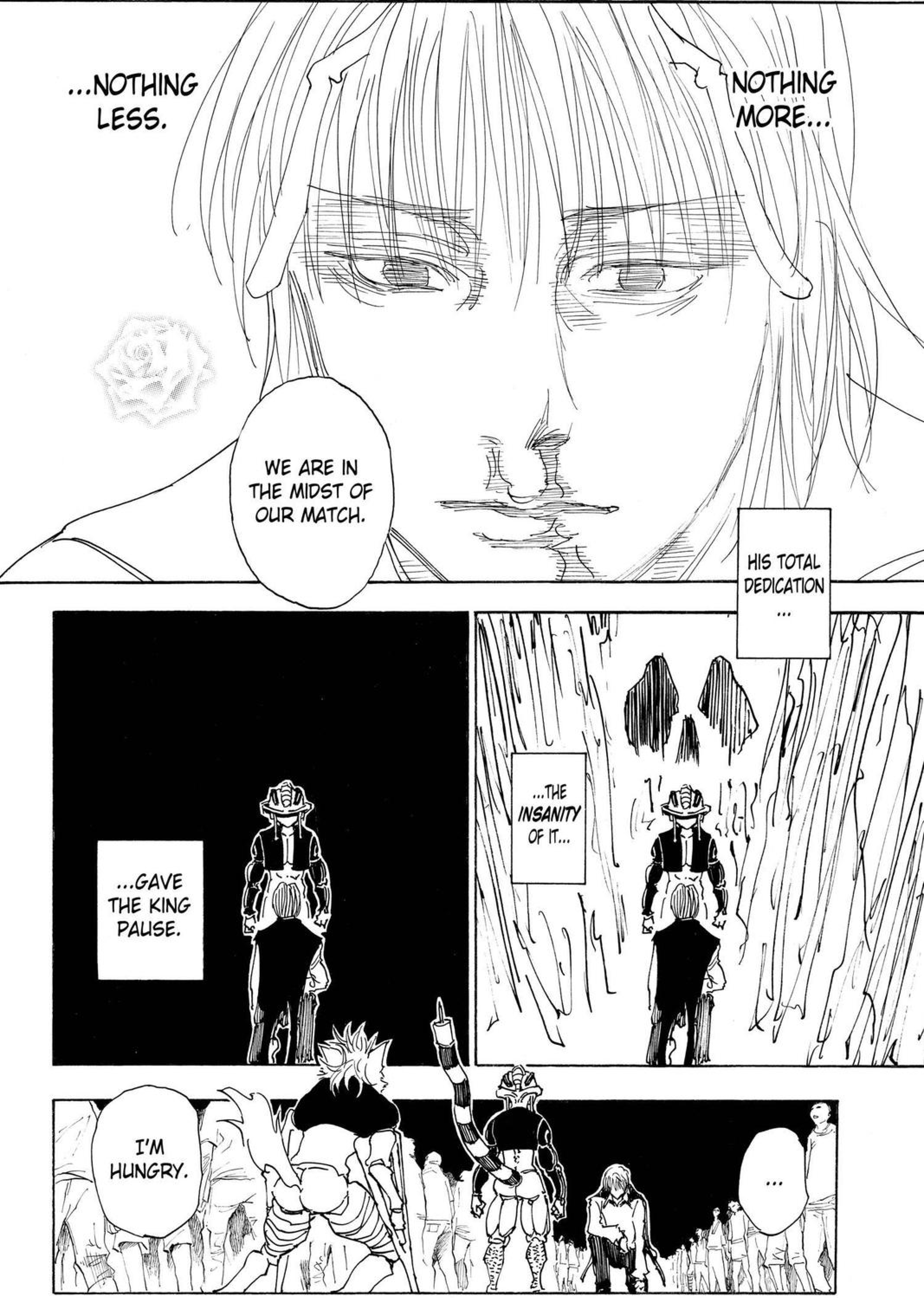

HE IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN MY SECRET.
YET HE IS NOT AWARE OF IT.
?!
?!
IF THE QUESTIONING CONTINUES, IT'S POSSIBLE...
...SOME OR ALL OF MY SECRET MAY BE DIVULGED.
IF LIES WON'T WORK...
...THEN TELL THE TRUTH!!
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO CLAIM THE SPOILS OF VICTORY BEFORE THE MATCH IS DECIDED, WOULD YOU?
IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE OUR MATCH...
...I SUGGEST YOU DEFER THIS INQUIRY!!
I CAN USE THE *TRUTH* TO MUDDLE THE *FACTS!!!*

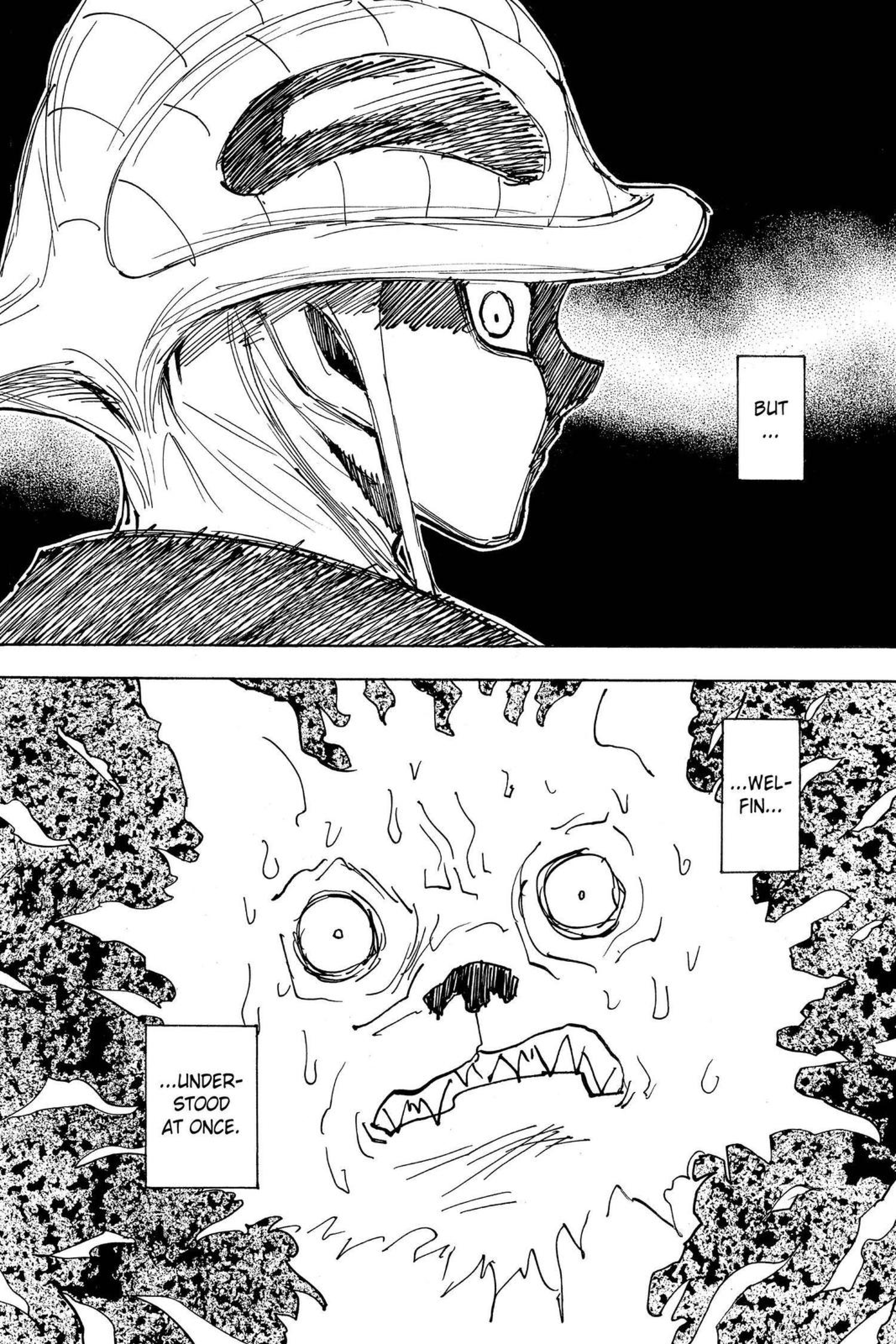

WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?!
WHAT SECRET? WHAT DO I DO NOW?
HOW CAN I ESCAPE THIS MONSTER?
HIS POWER IS BEYOND BELIEF!!
I SHOULD'VE JUST ***RUN FOR IT!!***
ALL BECAUSE YOUPI KEELED OVER IN FRONT OF ME LIKE A DEAD BUG!!
I FOOLED MYSELF INTO THINKING I COULD TAKE ON THE KING TOO!! I GOT CARRIED AWAY!! I FELT INVINCIBLE!! LIKE A DUMB LITTLE KID!!
HOW STUPID!! IN ALL THE CHAOS, I GOT CAUGHT UP IN DELUSIONS OF HEROISM AND NOSTALGIA OVER GYRO!!
I PUMPED MYSELF UP LIKE I WAS AVENGING GYRO!! AND HE'S NOT EVEN DEAD!! I SHOULD'VE RUN, FOUND HIM, THEN PLOTTED OUR REVENGE!!
IT'S THAT OCTOPUS!! HE THREW OFF MY GROOVE!! HE GOT ME EMOTIONAL!! SOME MESSENGER I AM!!
I GOTTA DO SOMETHING!! THE KING KNOWS I HATE HIM!! LYING WON'T HELP!! HE'LL KILL ME BEFORE MISSILE MAN ACTIVATES!! WHAT DO I HAVE LEFT?! THE MESSAGE?! POUF'S SECRET?! WOULD ANY OF THIS SAVE ME?! ***WHAT SHOULD I SAY?!***

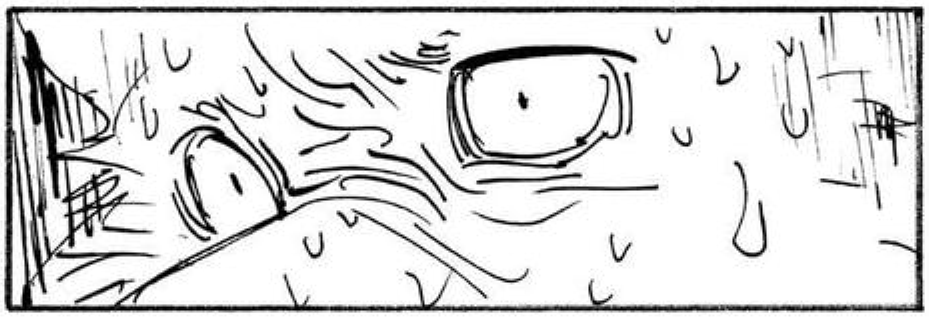

I CAN GET IN ONE WORD...
...THE MOST IMPORTANT WORD OF MY LIFE!!
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN *LIFE AND DEATH!!*
POUF.
THIS SECRET.
RRMM
RRMM
THIS FEELING...
THIS AWFUL DREAD...
MM
ARE YOU INSINUATING THAT IN SOME WAY...
...IT IS **CONNECTED** TO HIS MALICE?
RRM
...!!
HE'S RIGHT...
HE'S TRULY...
...THE KING!!!
YOU INTERRUPTED ME AND ATTEMPTED TO ORDER ME ABOUT WITH YOUR IMPERTINENT "SUGGESTION."
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?
VMMMMM
THE KING'S NEW ABILITY ENABLED HIM TO JUDGE WITHOUT EVEN WAITING FOR POUF'S ANSWER.
HE WAS CERTAIN OF POUF'S ABSOLUTE DEVOTION, YET HIS OMINOUS, DEATHLY AURA SHOWED HIS INTENT.


IF THE ANSWER DID NOT PLEASE THE KING, WHETHER IT WERE RIGHT OR WRONG...
...POUF WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PAY WITH HIS LIFE.
LOYALTY AND HOSTILITY WERE EQUALLY MEANINGLESS.


NO ONE CAN STOP HIM!!
ONE WORD...
...TO SAVE MYSELF!!!
I...
I RESOLVE TO DIE...
...IN THIS MOMENT.
I WILL DIE A MARTYR...
I HAVE...
...NO WORDS TO SAY.
VM
VM
...FOR MY DEVOTION.


NOTHING MORE...
...NOTHING LESS.
WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF OUR MATCH.
HIS TOTAL DEDICATION ...
...THE *INSANITY* OF IT...
...GAVE THE KING PAUSE.
...
I'M HUNGRY.


BUT ...
...WELFIN...
...UNDERSTOOD AT ONCE.



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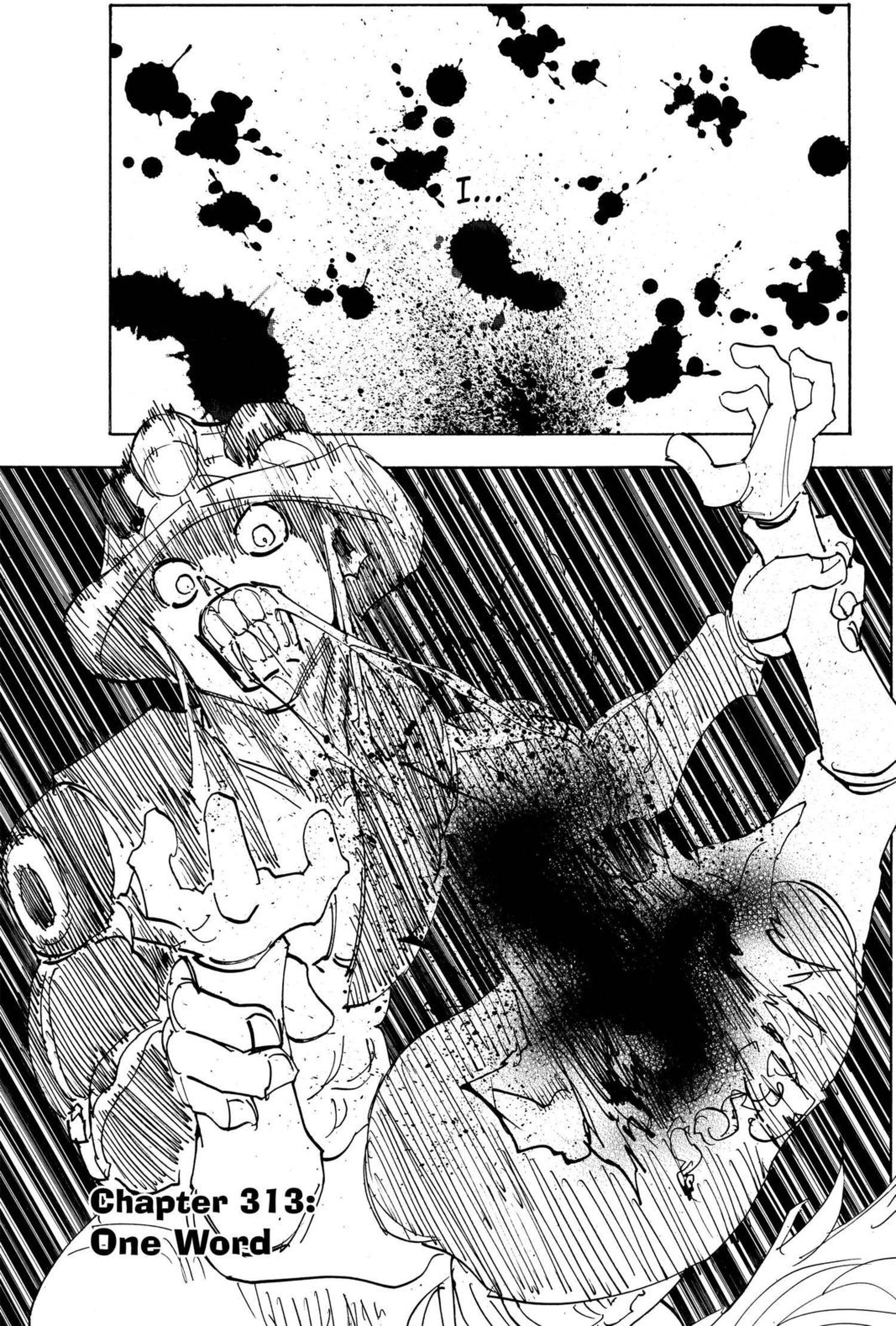

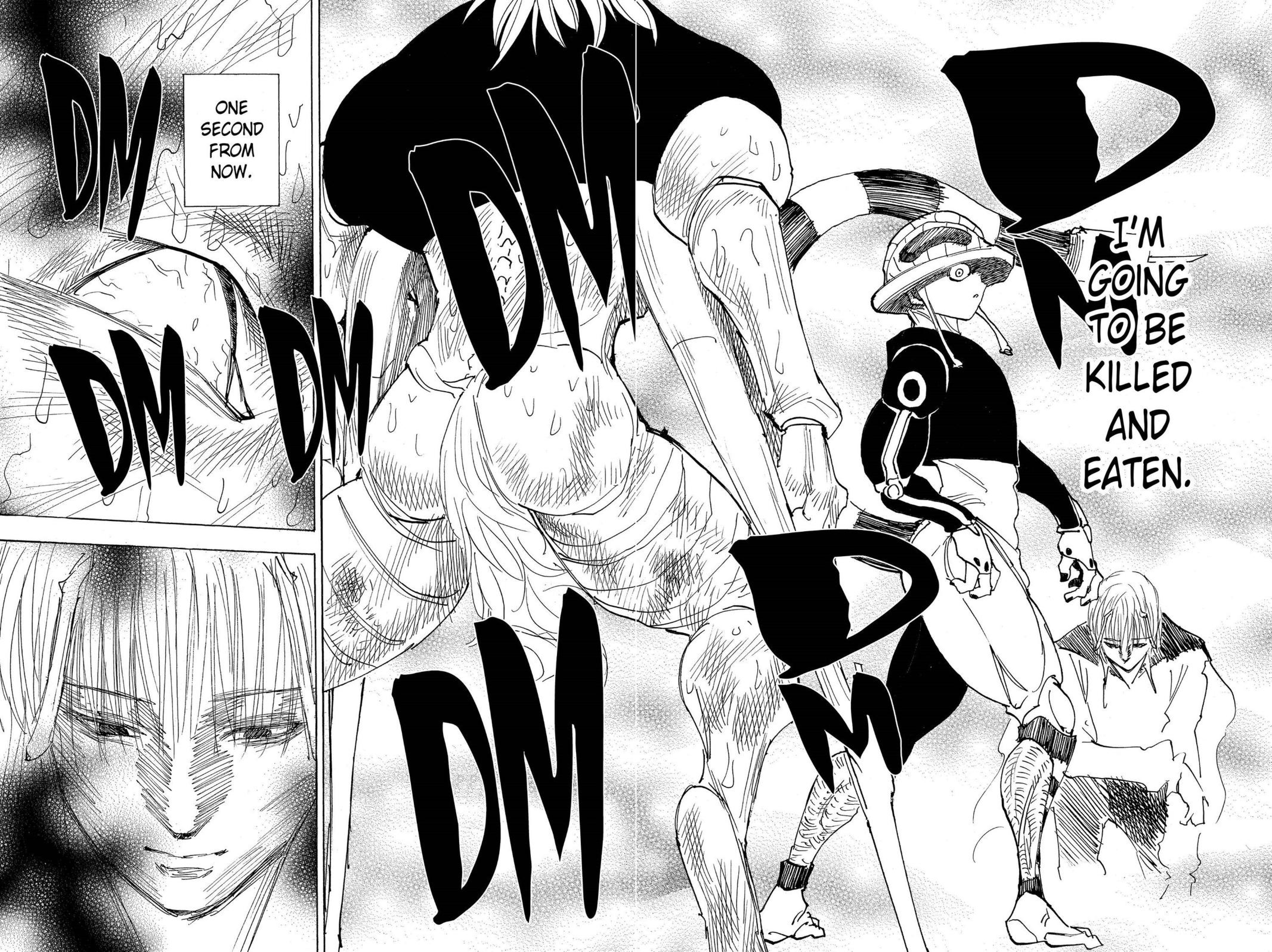
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I'M GOING TO BE KILLED AND EATEN.
DM
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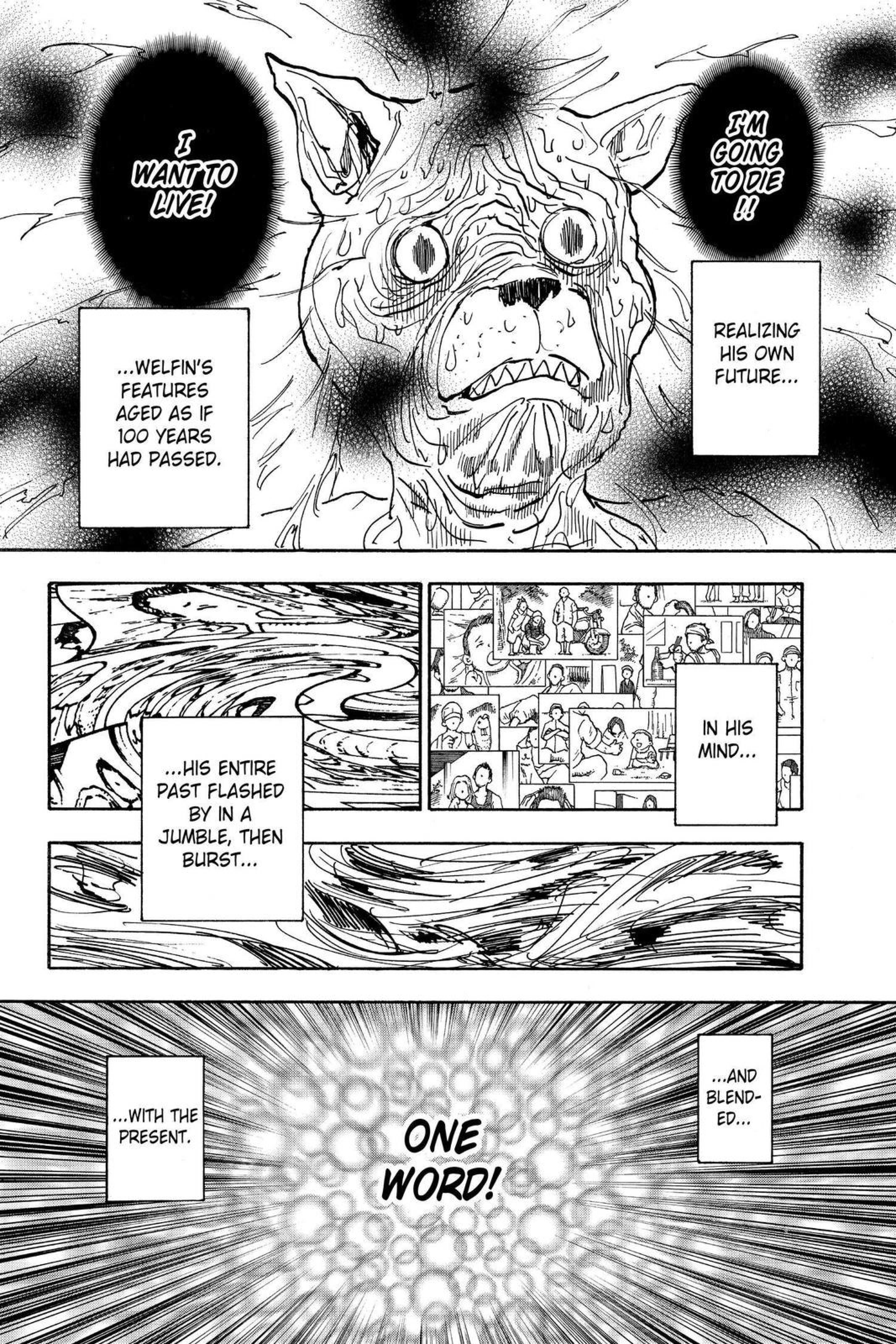
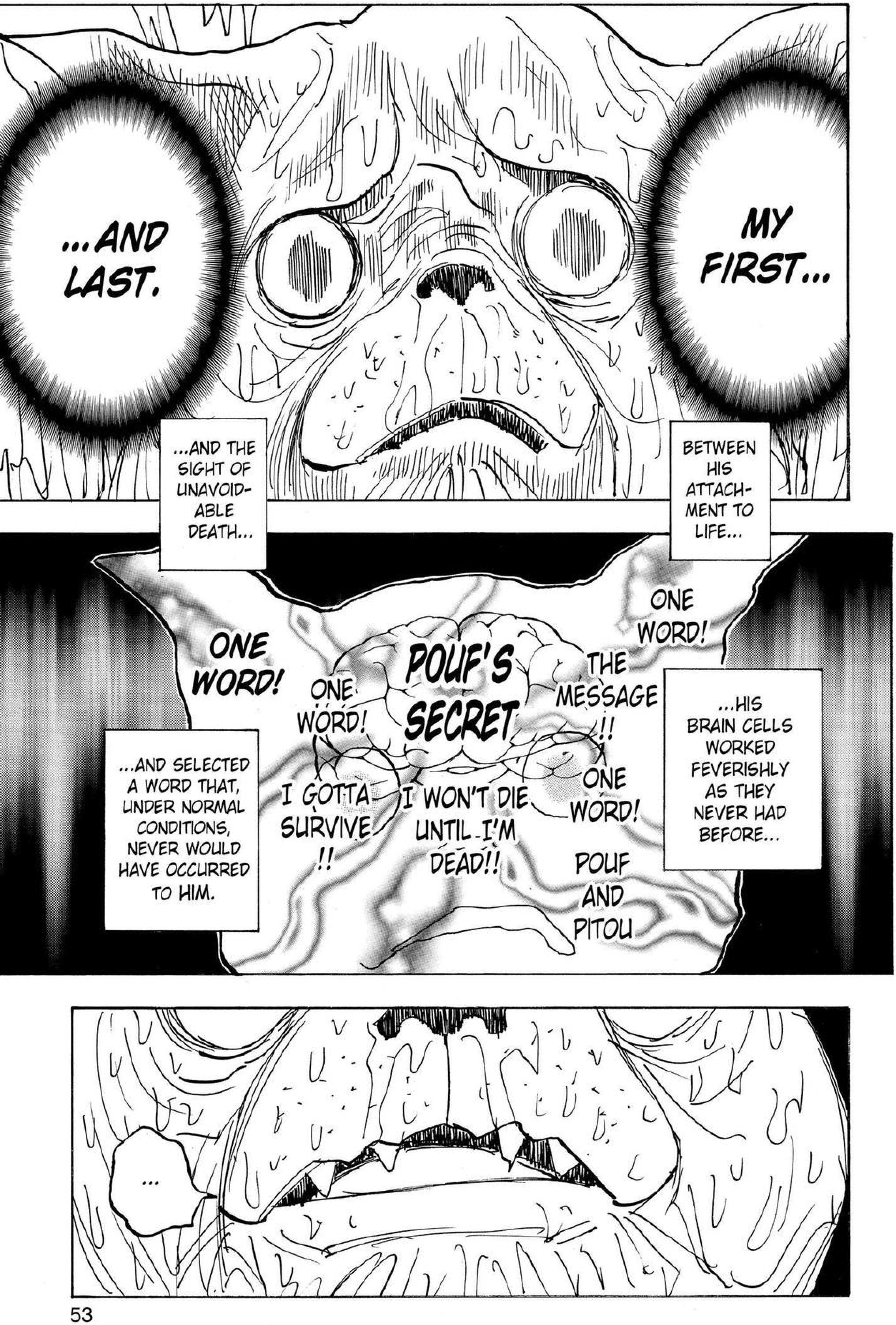
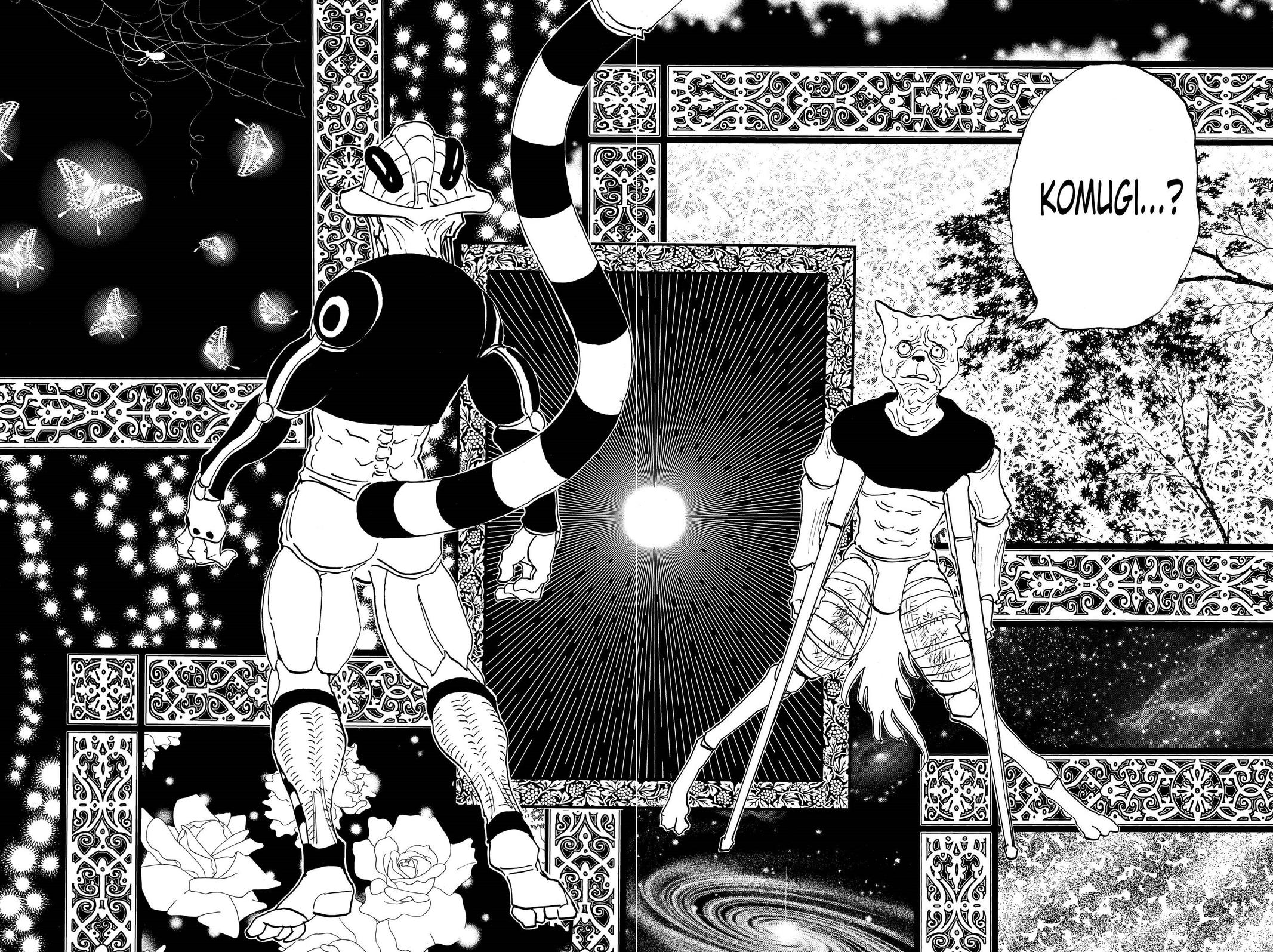
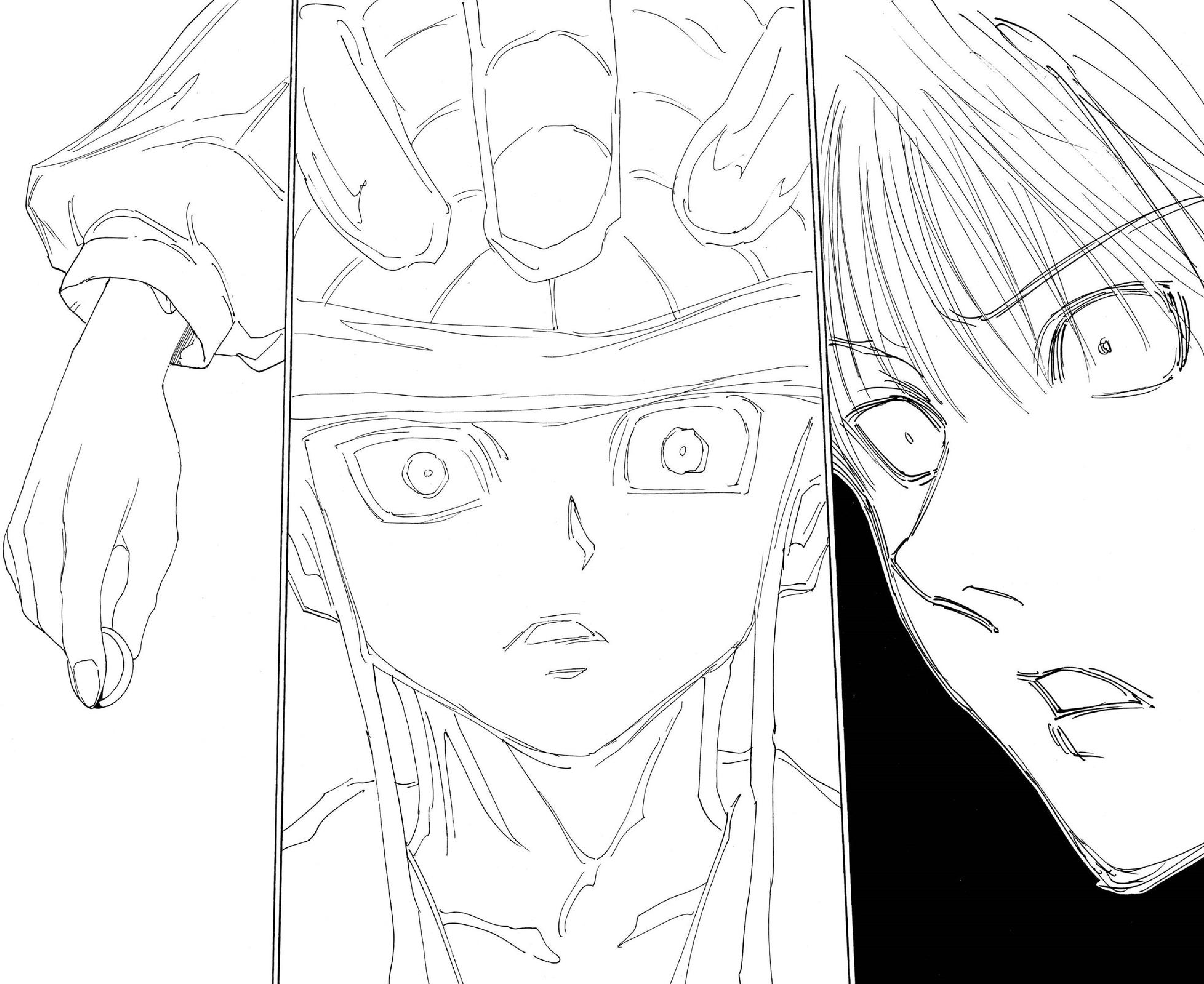
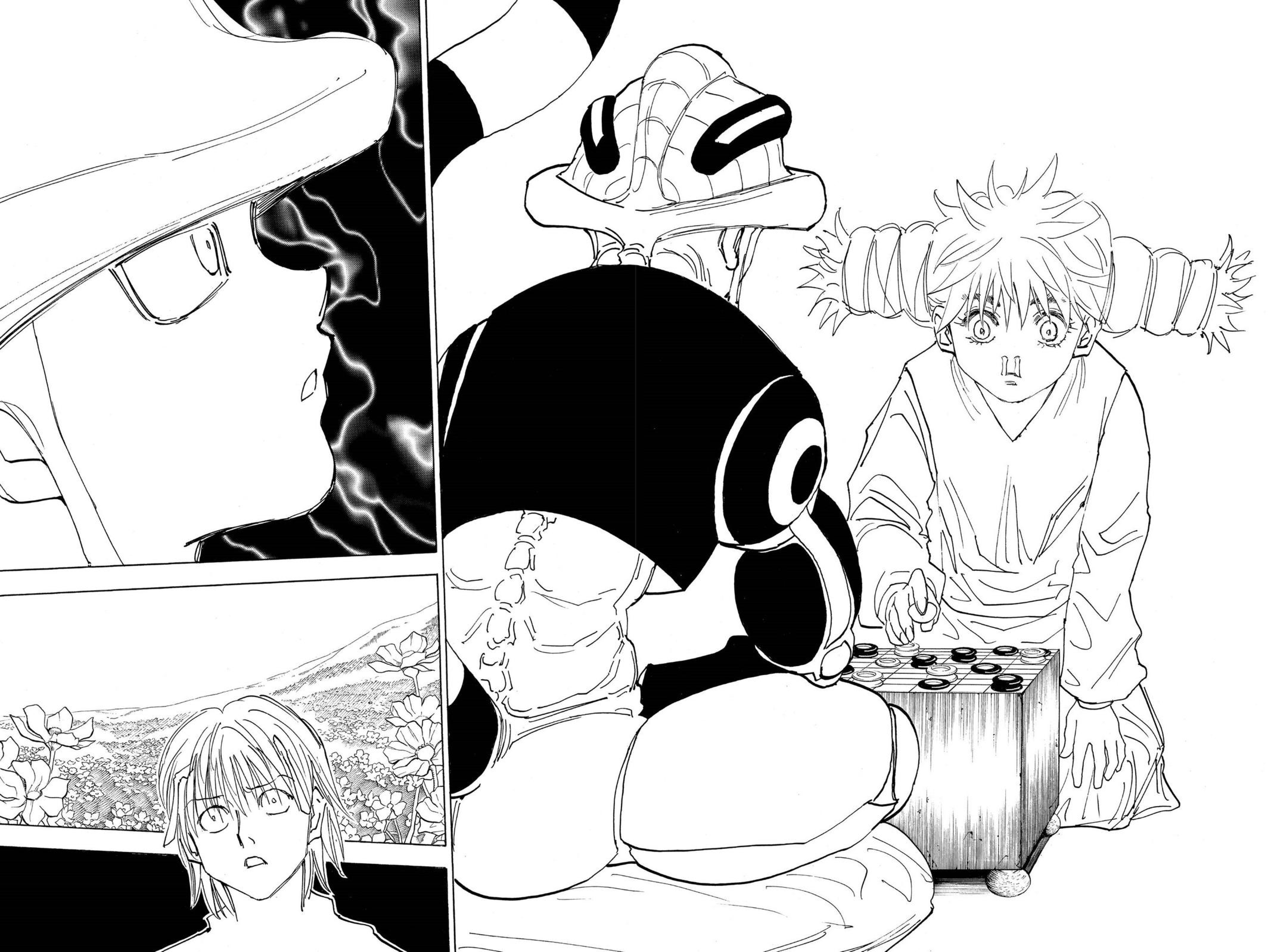
DM
ONE SECOND FROM NOW.

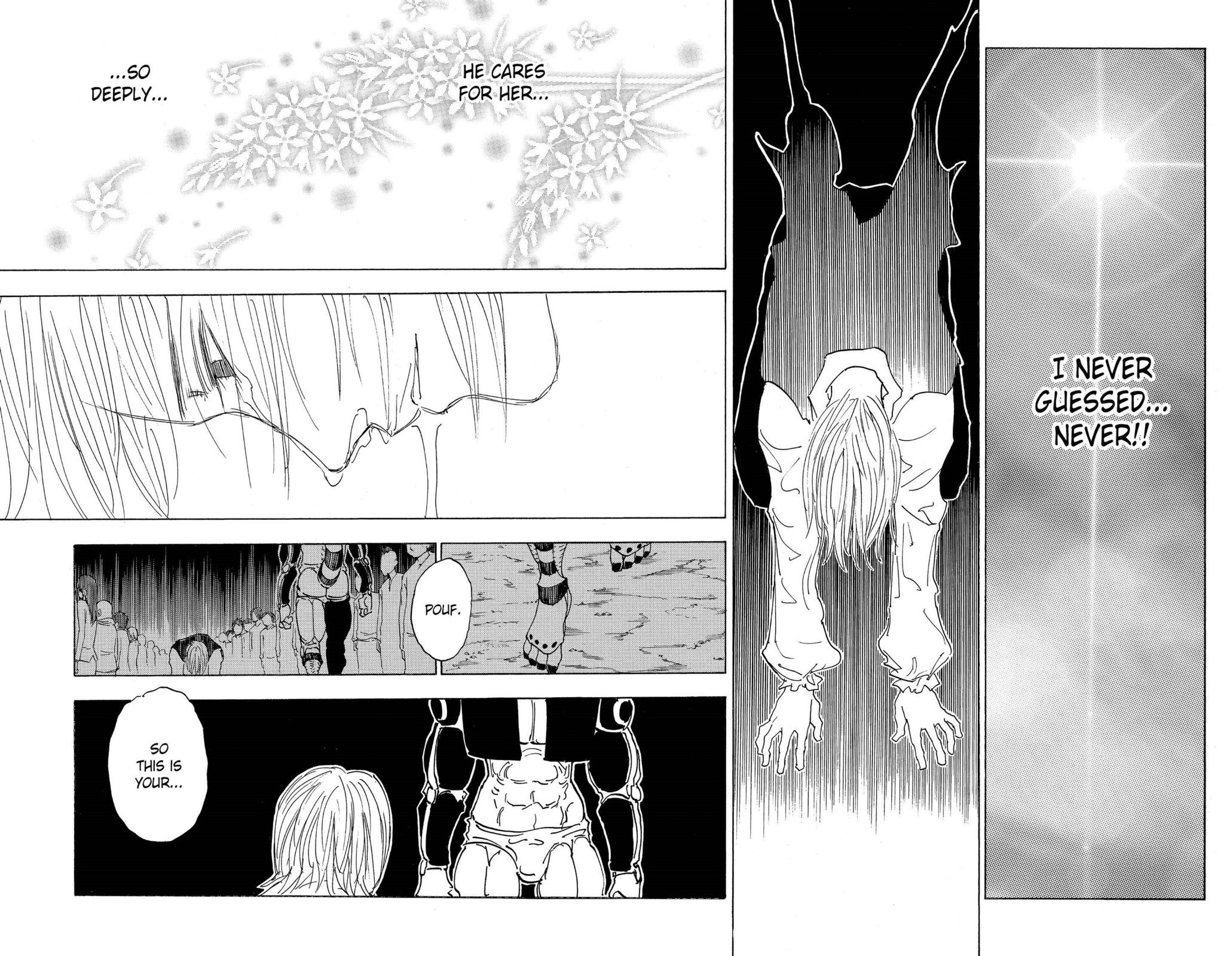

I'M GOING TO DIE!!
I WANT TO LIVE!
REALIZING HIS OWN FUTURE...
...WELFIN'S FEATURES AGED AS IF 100 YEARS HAD PASSED.
IN HIS MIND...
...HIS ENTIRE PAST FLASHED BY IN A JUMBLE, THEN BURST...
...AND BLENDED...
...WITH THE PRESENT.
ONE WORD!

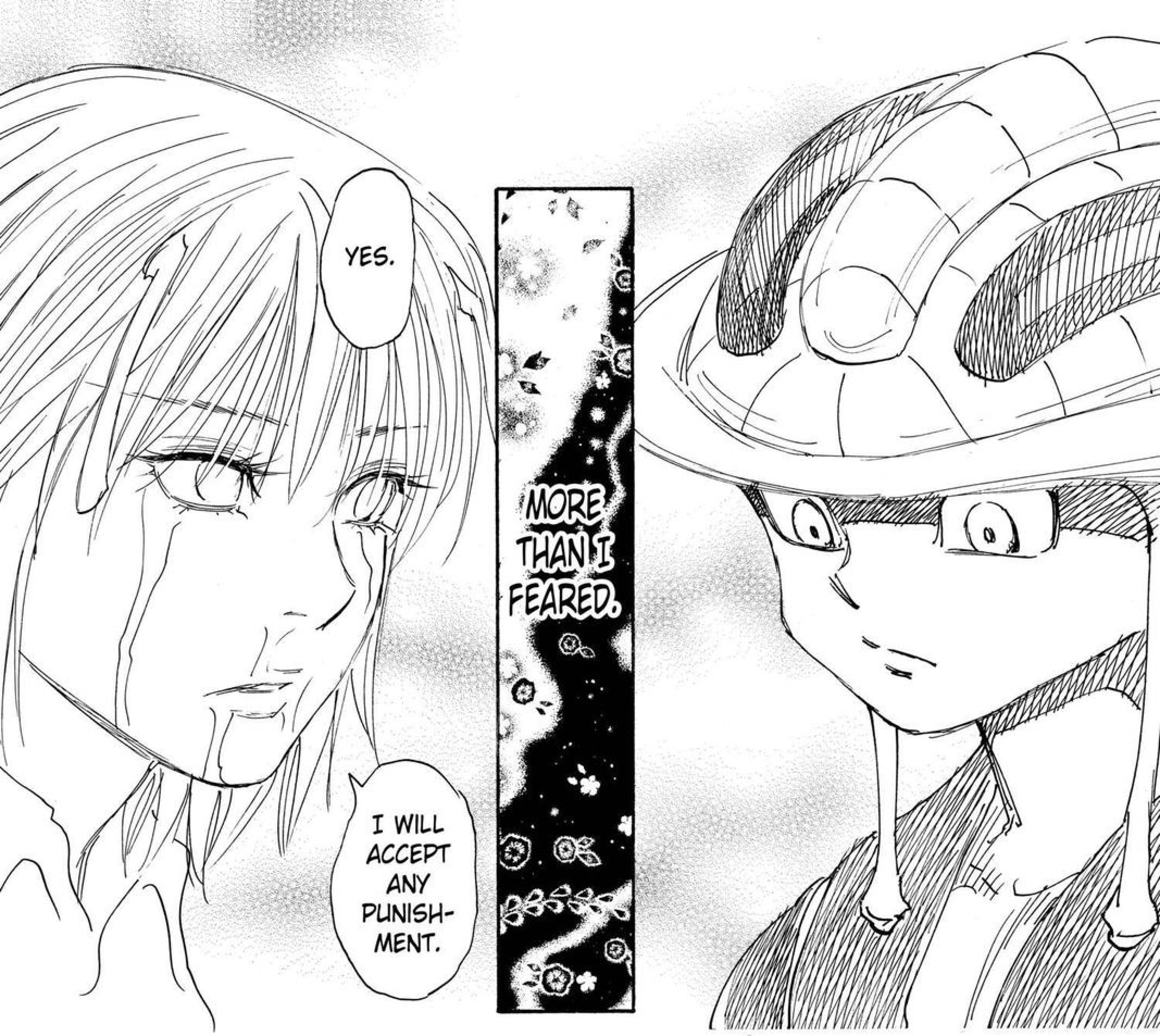

MY FIRST...
...AND LAST.
BETWEEN HIS ATTACHMENT TO LIFE...
...AND THE SIGHT OF UNAVOIDABLE DEATH...
...HIS BRAIN CELLS WORKED FEVERISHLY AS THEY NEVER HAD BEFORE...
ONE WORD!
THE MESSAGE!!
ONE WORD!
POUF AND PITOU
POUF'S SECRET
I WON'T DIE UNTIL I'M DEAD!!
ONE WORD!
I GOTTA SURVIVE!!
ONE WORD!
...AND SELECTED A WORD THAT, UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, NEVER WOULD HAVE OCCURRED TO HIM.
...

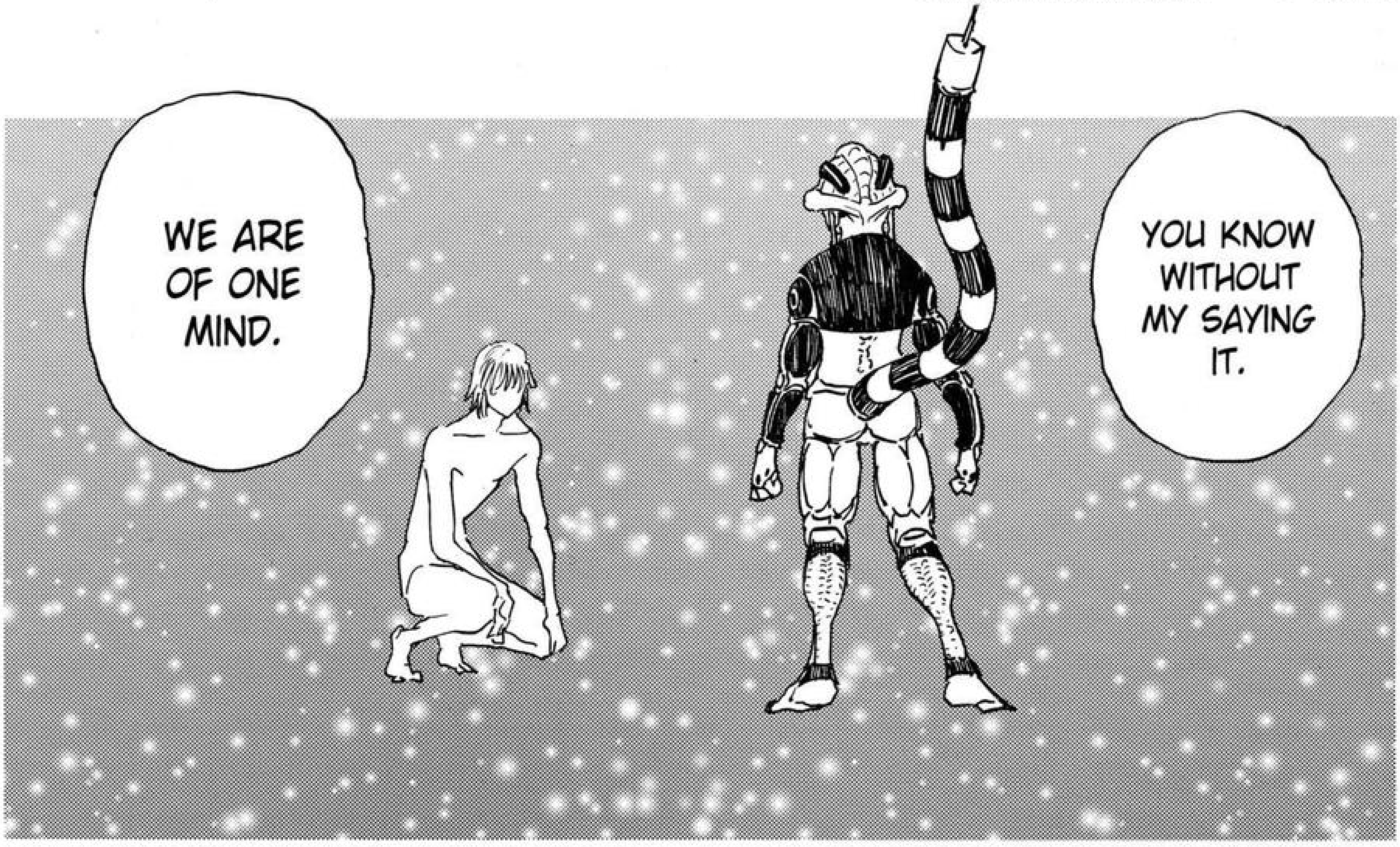

KOMUGI...?

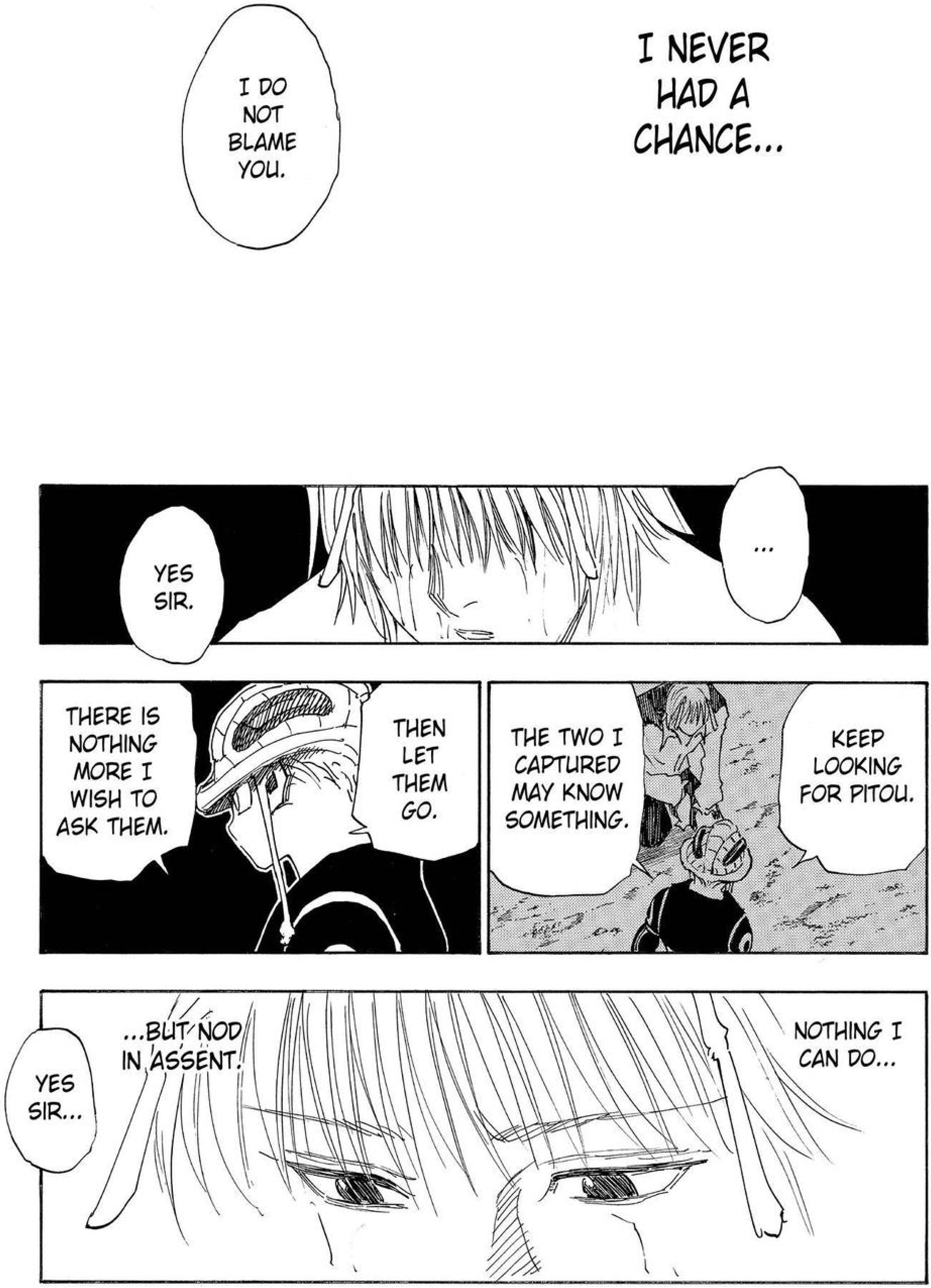


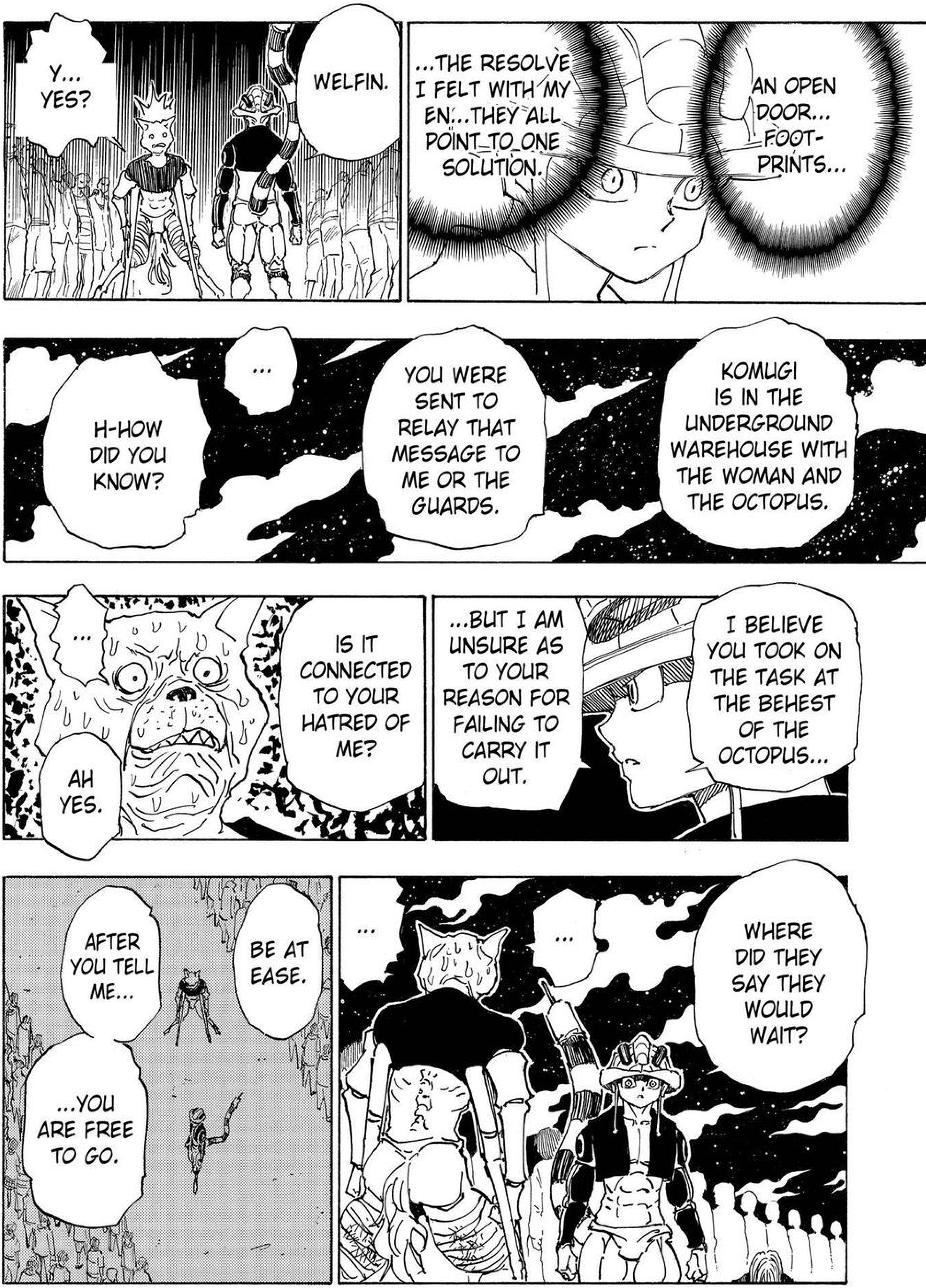


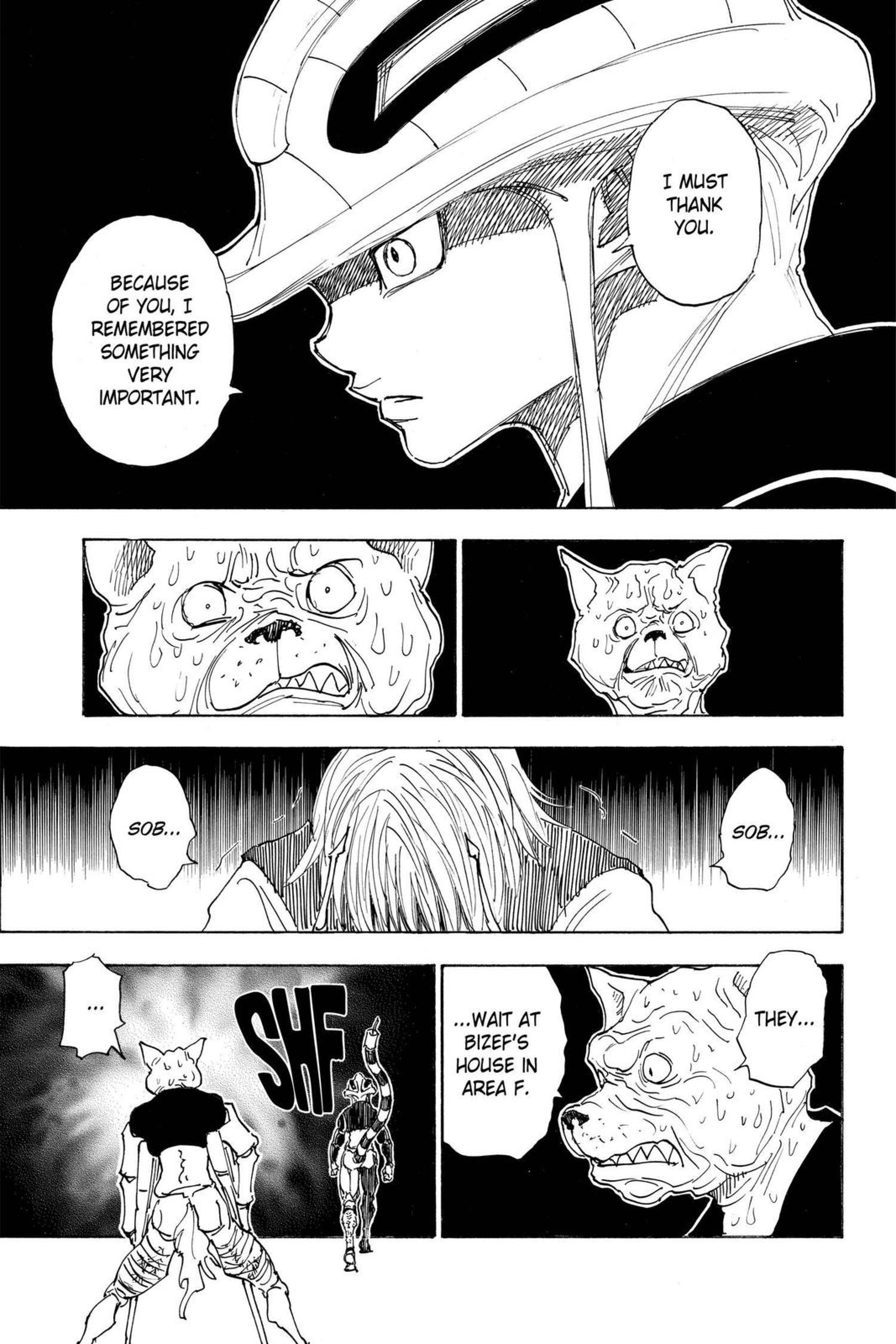

I NEVER GUESSED... NEVER!!
HE CARES FOR HER...
...SO DEEPLY...
POUF.
SO THIS IS YOUR...

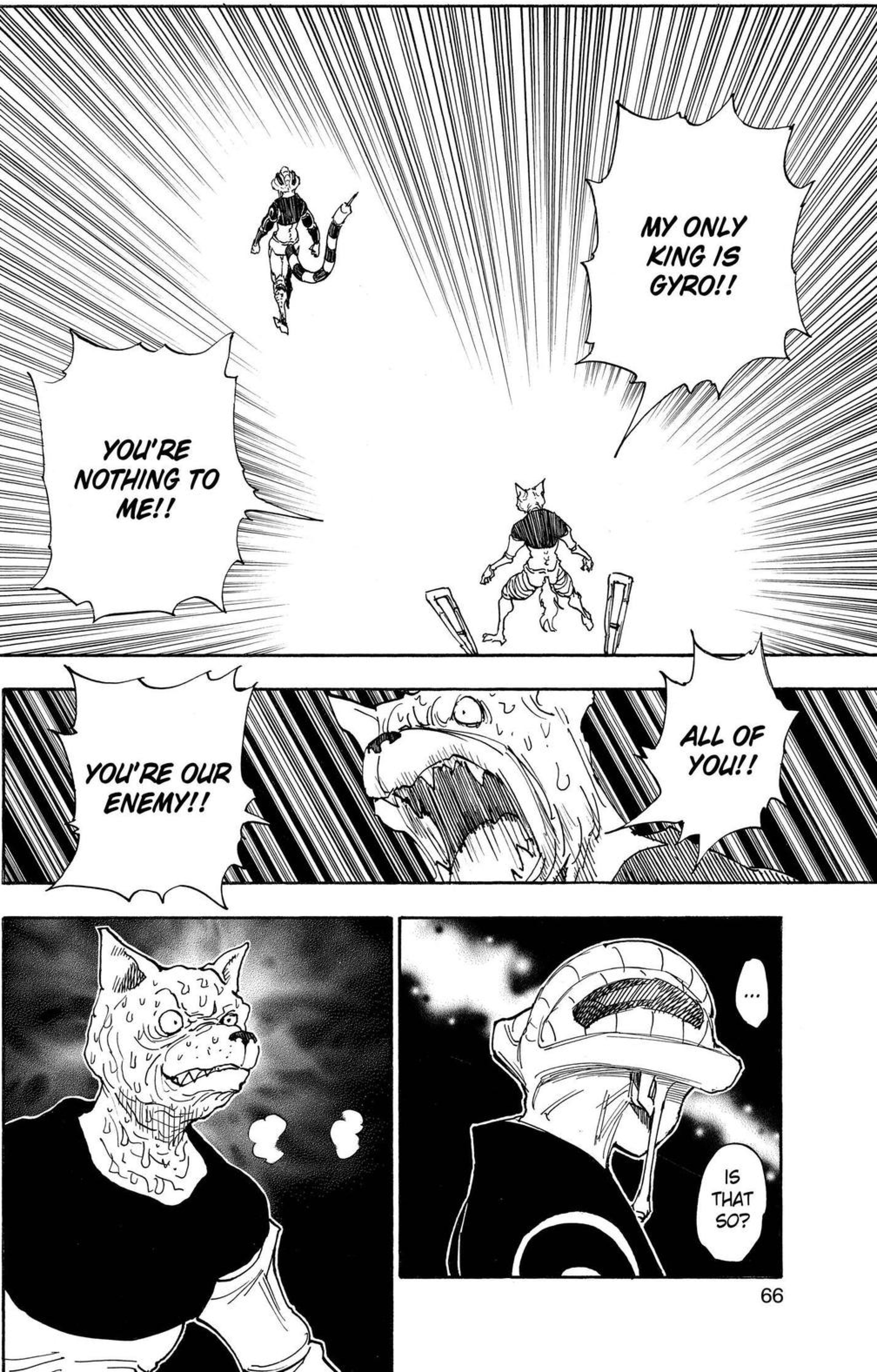

MORE THAN I FEARED.
YES.
I WILL ACCEPT ANY PUNISHMENT.

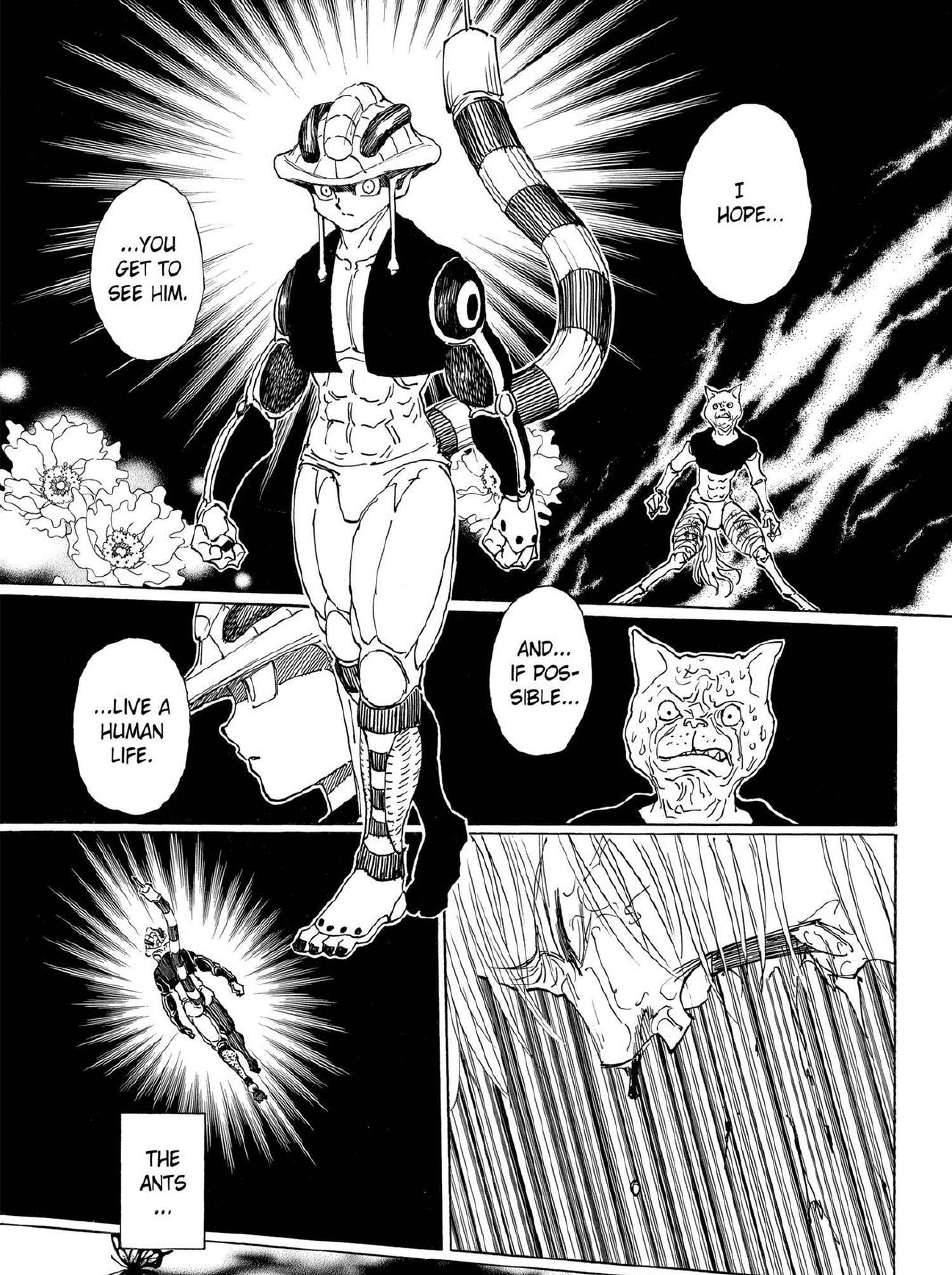

YOU KNOW WITHOUT MY SAYING IT.
WE ARE OF ONE MIND.

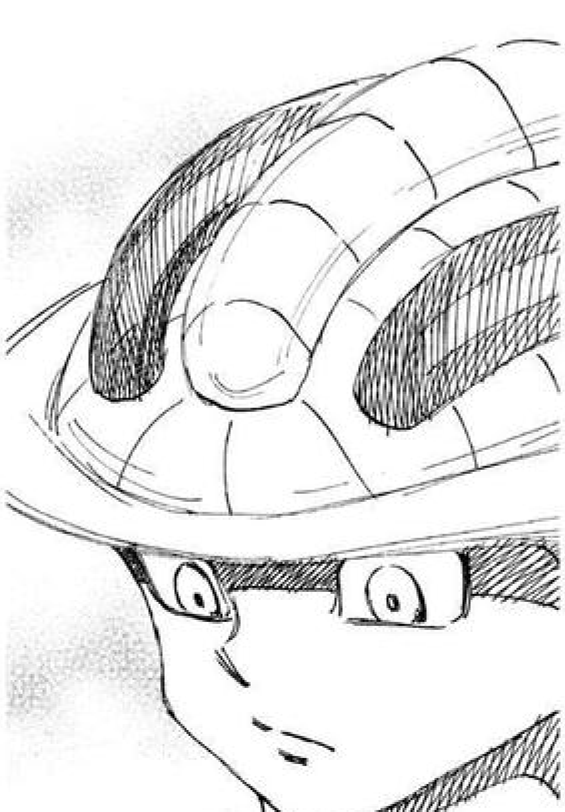

I NEVER HAD A CHANCE...
I DO NOT BLAME YOU.
...
YES SIR.
KEEP LOOKING FOR PITOU.
THE TWO I CAPTURED MAY KNOW SOMETHING.
THEN LET THEM GO.
THERE IS NOTHING MORE I WISH TO ASK THEM.
NOTHING I CAN DO...
...BUT NOD IN ASSENT.
YES SIR...


AN OPEN DOOR... FOOTPRINTS...
...THE RESOLVE I FELT WITH MY EN... THEY ALL POINT TO ONE SOLUTION.
WELFIN.
Y... YES?
KOMUGI IS IN THE UNDERGROUND WAREHOUSE WITH THE WOMAN AND THE OCTOPUS.
YOU WERE SENT TO RELAY THAT MESSAGE TO ME OR THE GUARDS.
...
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW?
I BELIEVE YOU TOOK ON THE TASK AT THE BEHEST OF THE OCTOPUS...
...BUT I AM UNSURE AS TO YOUR REASON FOR FAILING TO CARRY IT OUT.
IS IT CONNECTED TO YOUR HATRED OF ME?
...
AH YES.
WHERE DID THEY SAY THEY WOULD WAIT?
...
...
BE AT EASE.
AFTER YOU TELL ME...
...YOU ARE FREE TO GO.


I MUST THANK YOU.
BECAUSE OF YOU, I REMEMBERED SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT.
SOB...
SOB...
THEY...
...WAIT AT BIZEF'S HOUSE IN AREA F.
...
SHF


MY ONLY KING IS GYRO!!
YOU'RE NOTHING TO ME!!
ALL OF YOU!!
YOU'RE OUR ENEMY!!
...
IS THAT SO?


I HOPE...
...YOU GET TO SEE HIM.
AND... IF POSSIBLE...
...LIVE A HUMAN LIFE.
THE ANTS ...



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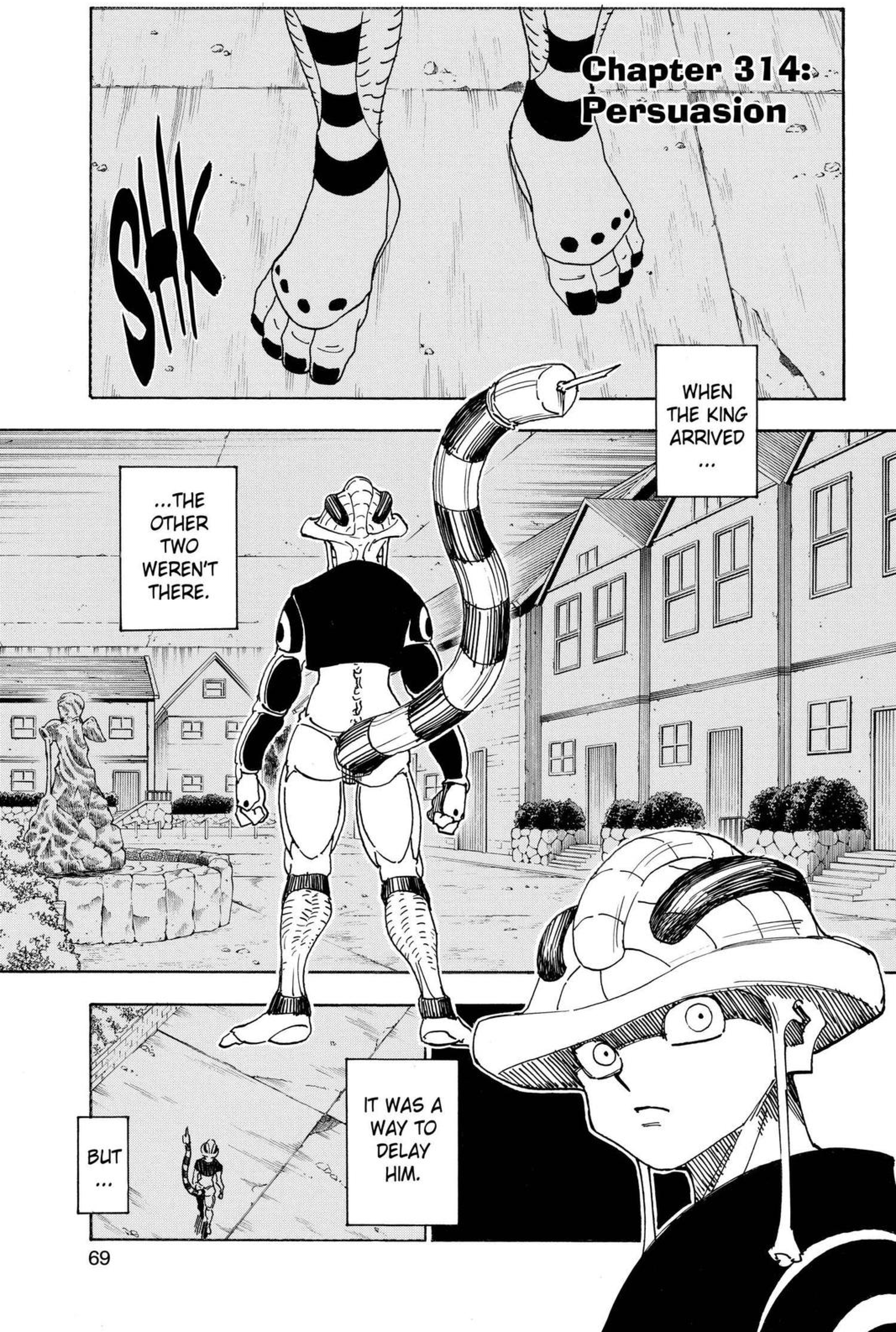
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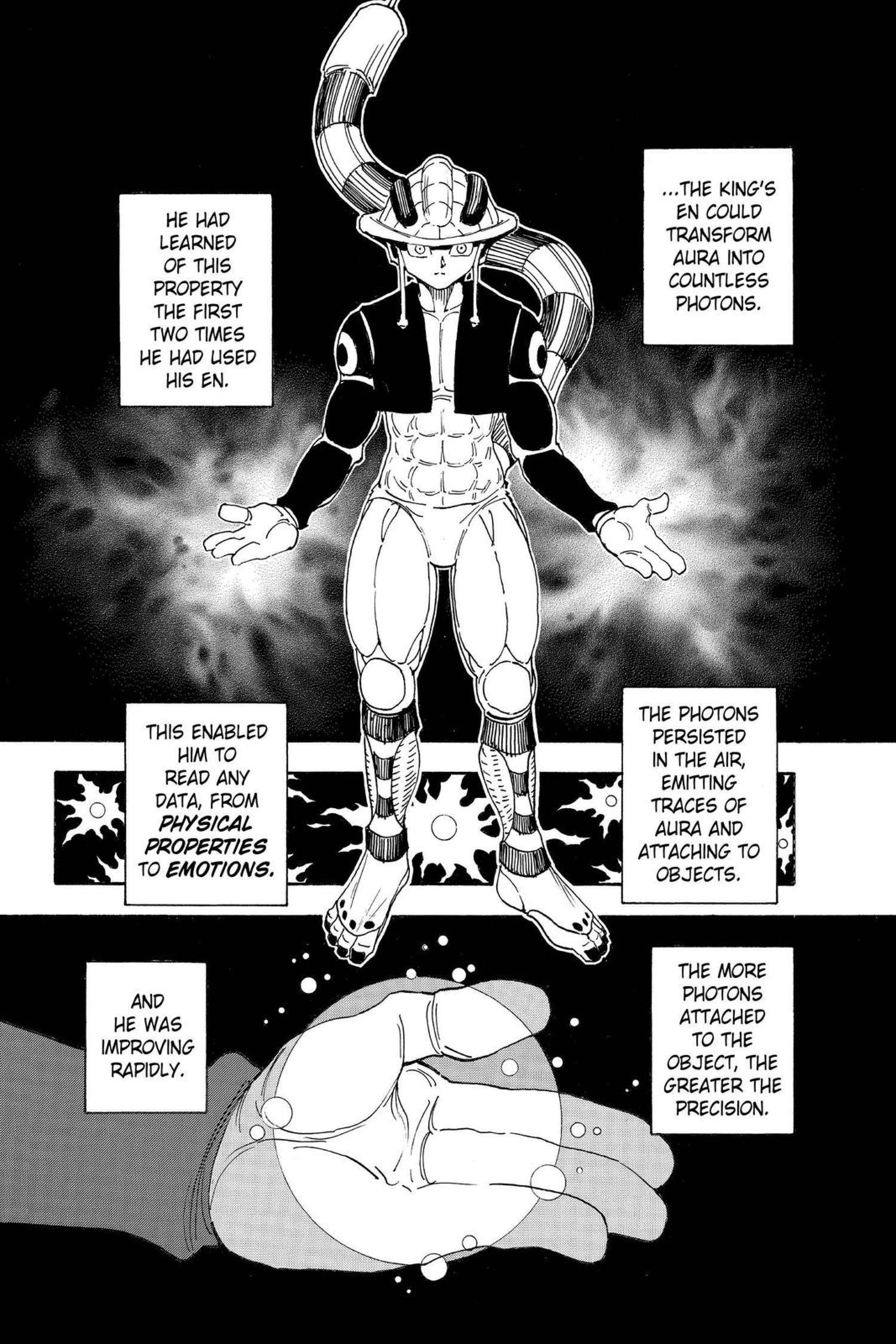
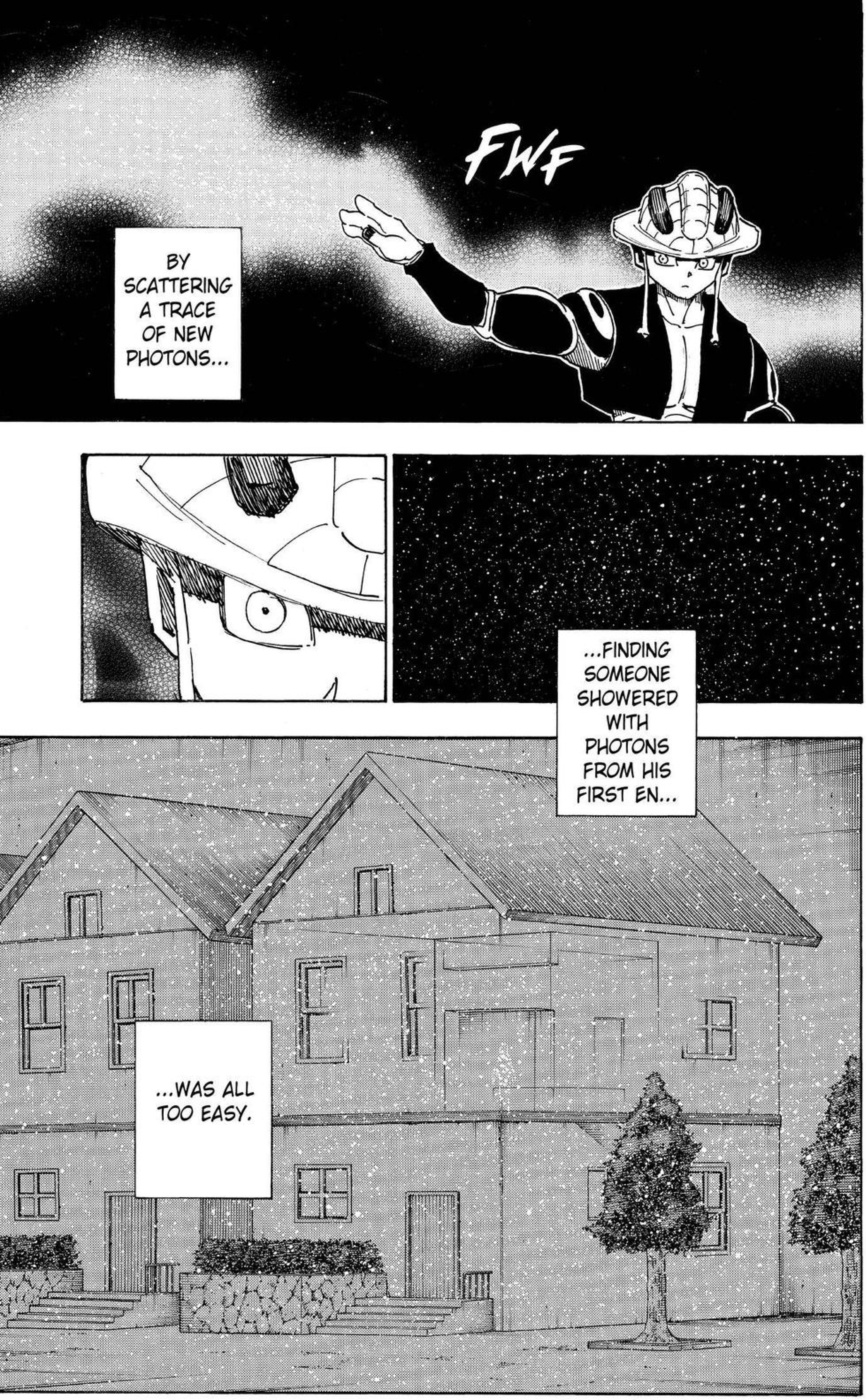
WHEN THE KING ARRIVED ...
...THE OTHER TWO WEREN'T THERE.
IT WAS A WAY TO DELAY HIM.
BUT ...


...THE KING'S EN COULD TRANSFORM AURA INTO COUNTLESS PHOTONS.
HE HAD LEARNED OF THIS PROPERTY THE FIRST TWO TIMES HE HAD USED HIS EN.
THE PHOTONS PERSISTED IN THE AIR, EMITTING TRACES OF AURA AND ATTACHING TO OBJECTS.
THIS ENABLED HIM TO READ ANY DATA, FROM ***PHYSICAL PROPERTIES*** TO ***EMOTIONS.***
THE MORE PHOTONS ATTACHED TO THE OBJECT, THE GREATER THE PRECISION.
AND HE WAS IMPROVING RAPIDLY.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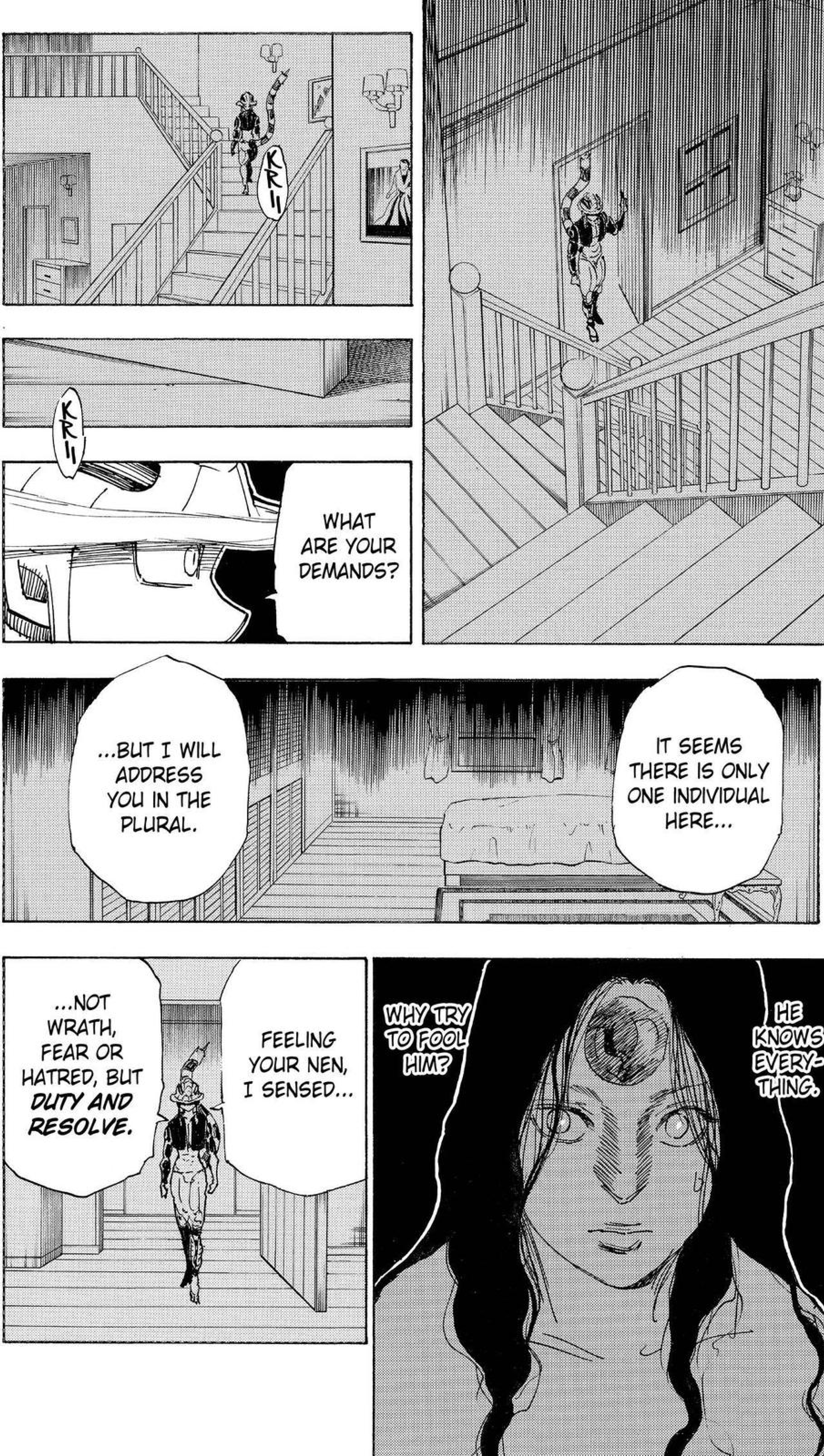
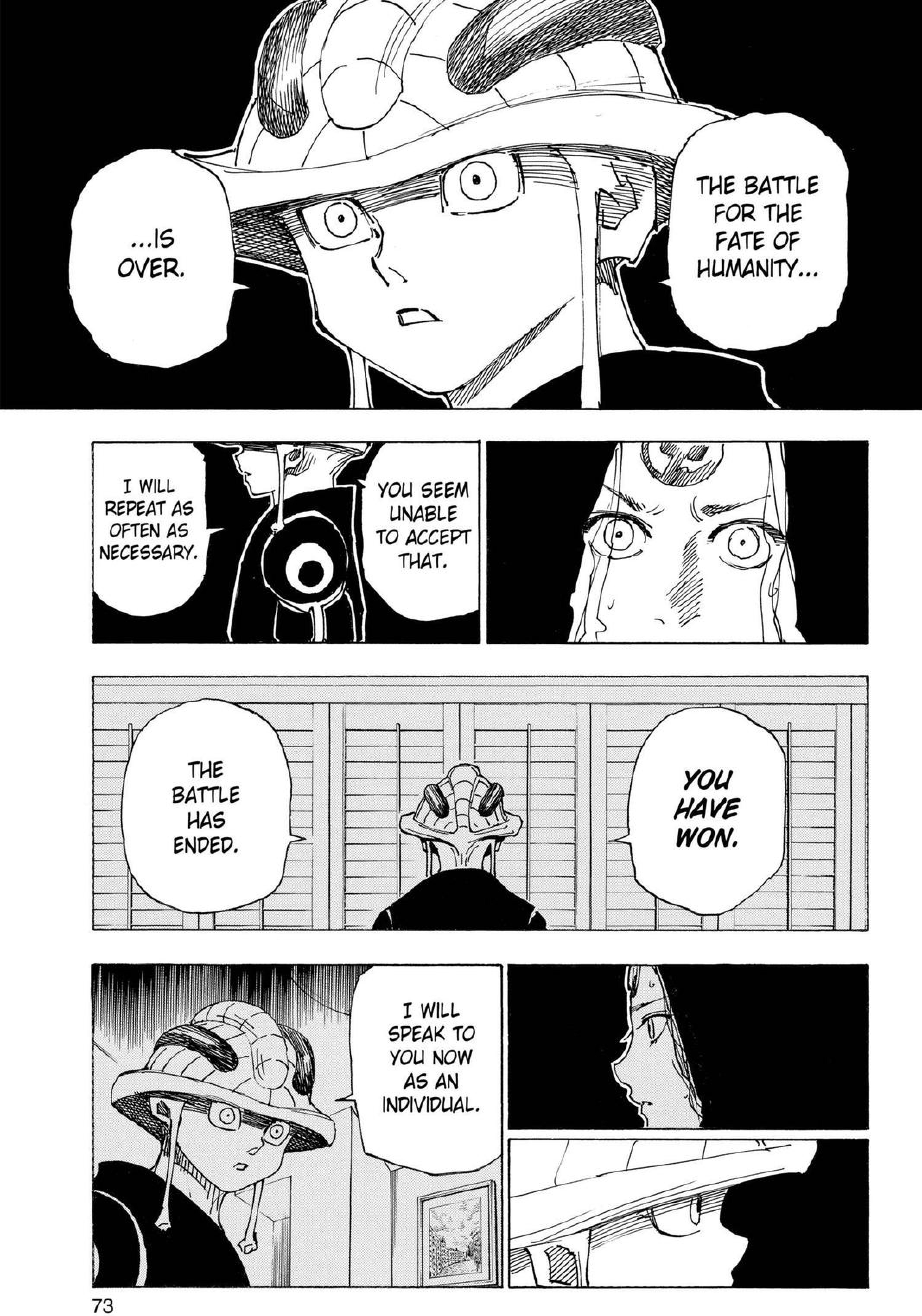
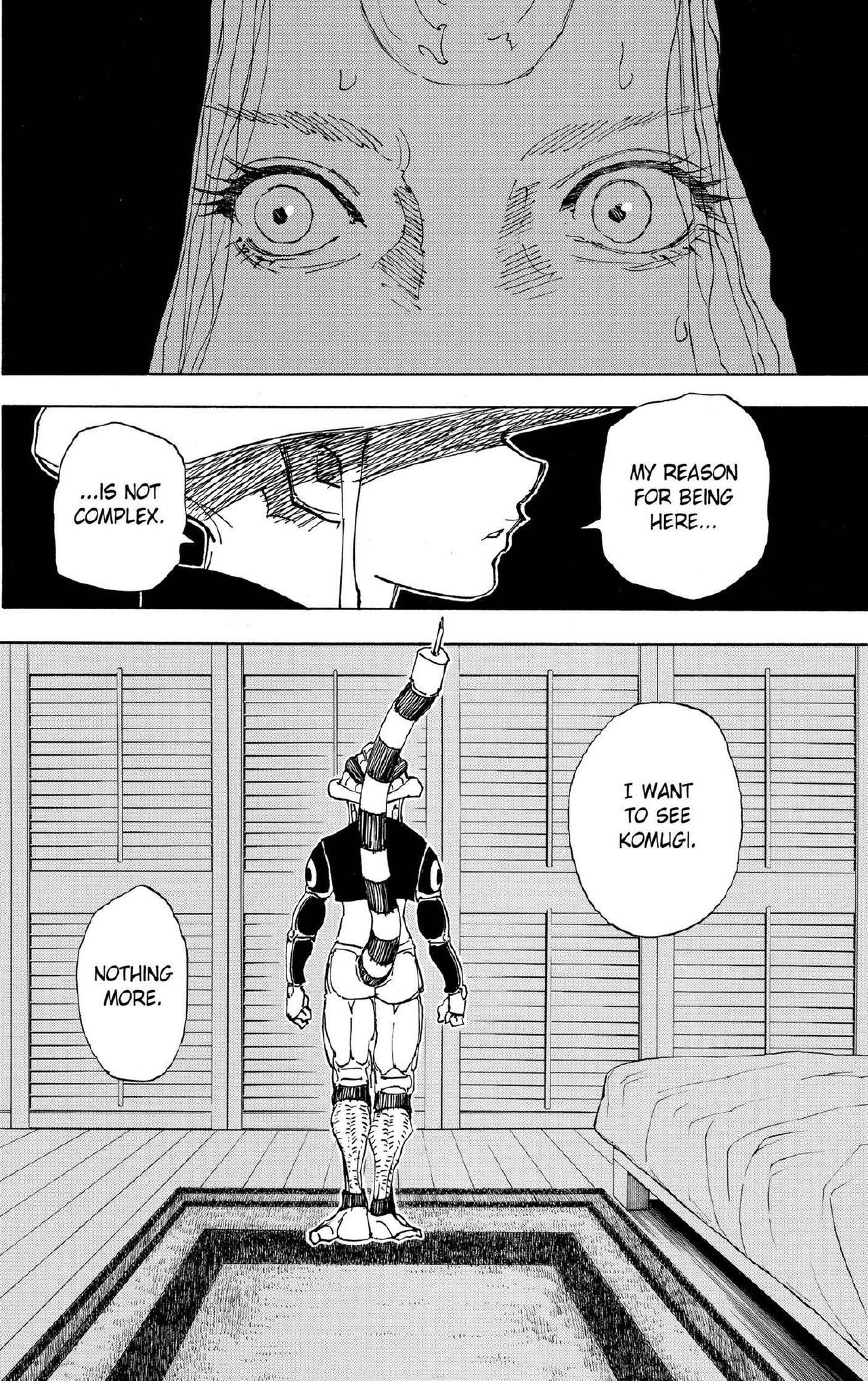
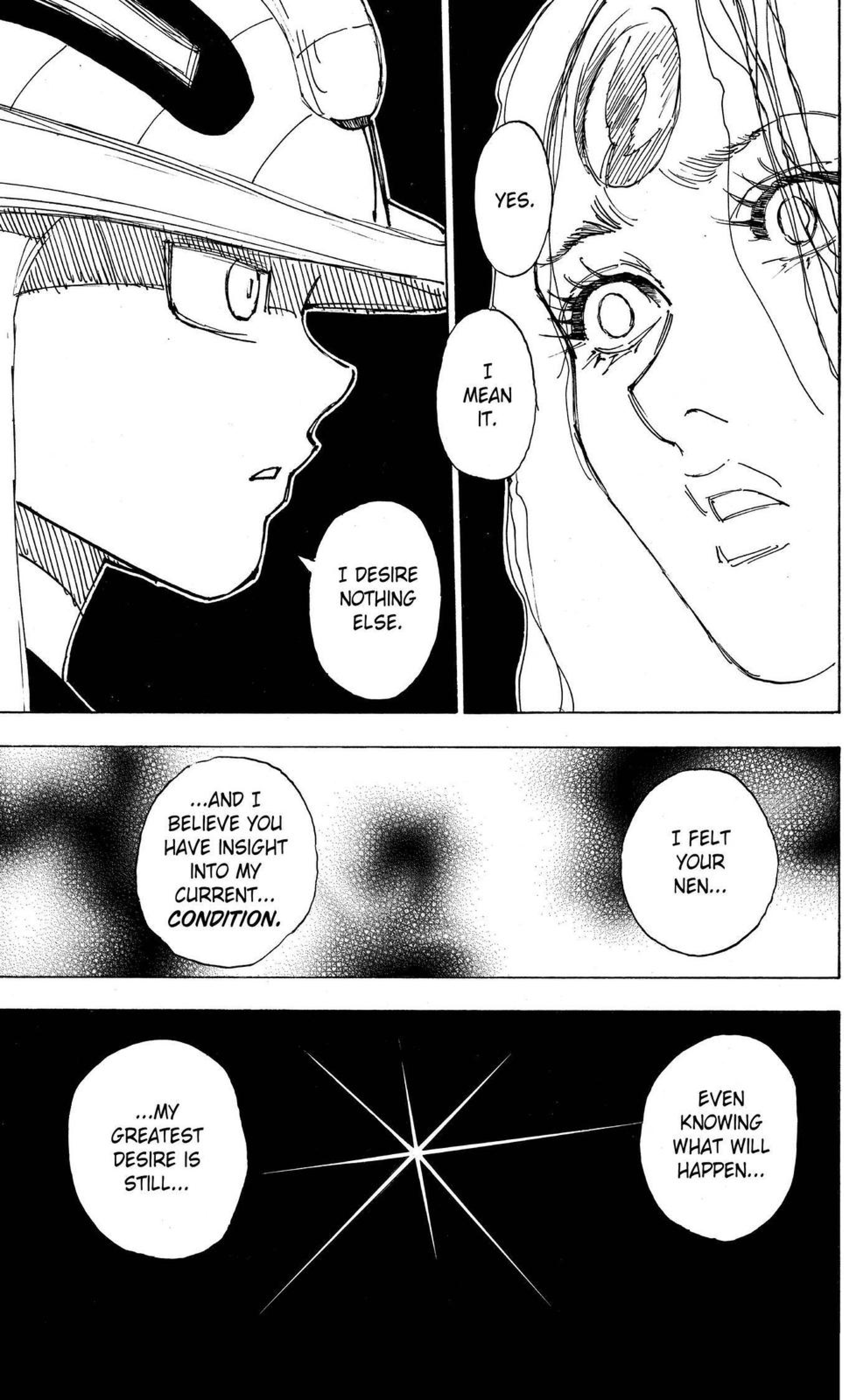
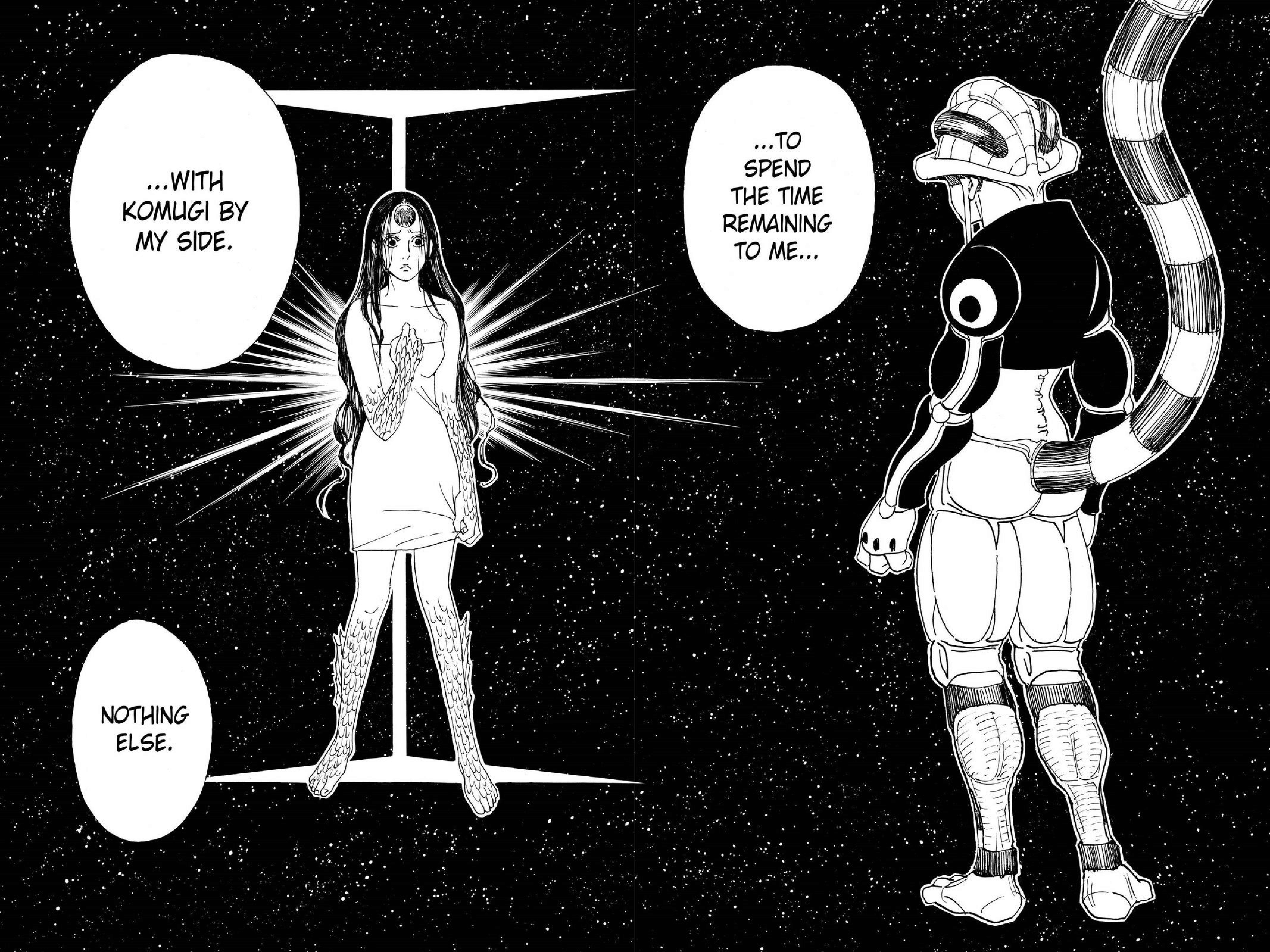
BY SCATTERING A TRACE OF NEW PHOTONS…
…FINDING SOMEONE SHOWERED WITH PHOTONS FROM HIS FIRST EN…
…WAS ALL TOO EASY.

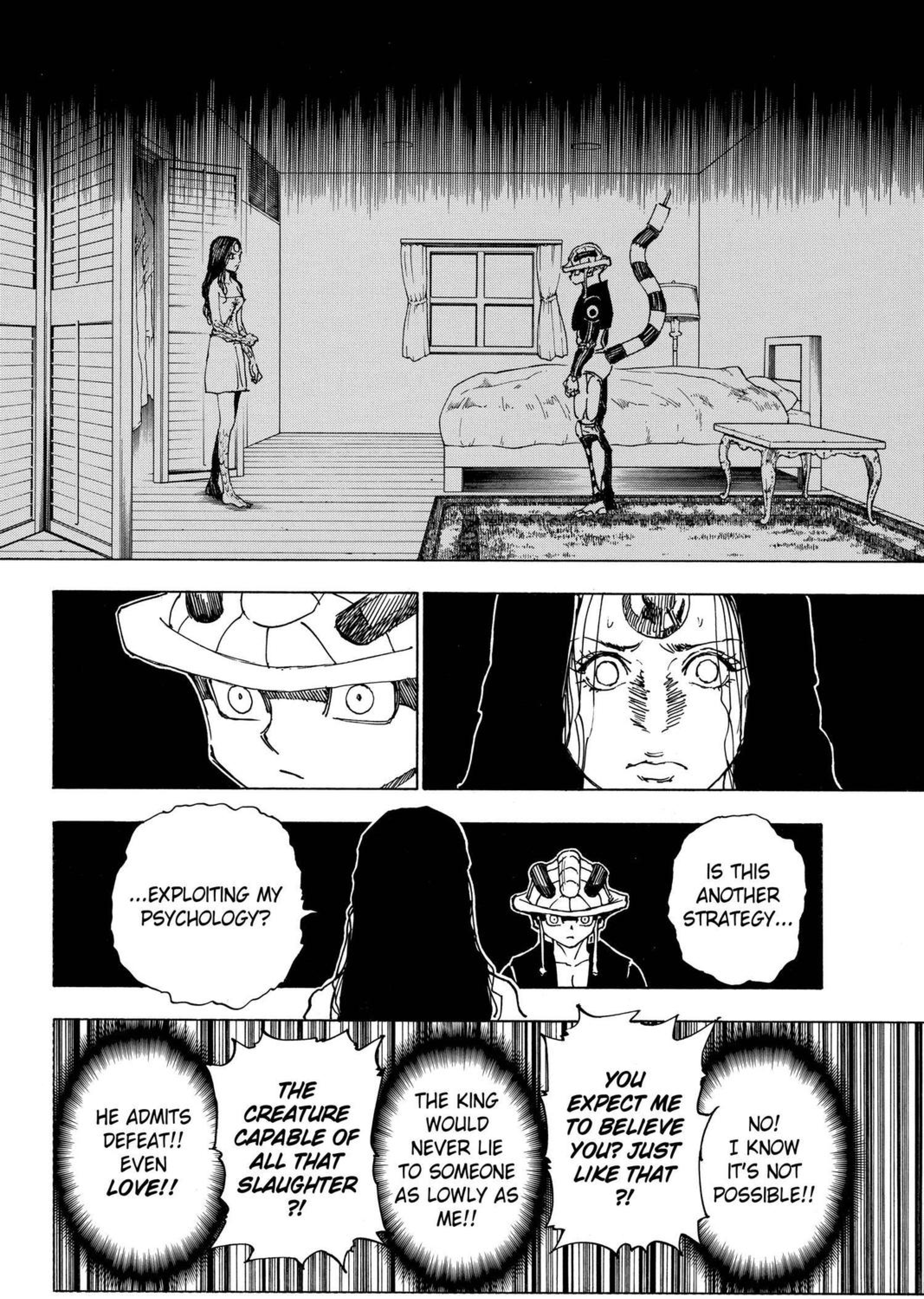

KRII
KRII
WHAT ARE YOUR DEMANDS?
IT SEEMS THERE IS ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL HERE...
...BUT I WILL ADDRESS YOU IN THE PLURAL.
HE KNOWS EVERYTHING.
WHY TRY TO FOOL HIM?
FEELING YOUR NEN, I SENSED...
...NOT WRATH, FEAR OR HATRED, BUT *DUTY AND RESOLVE.*

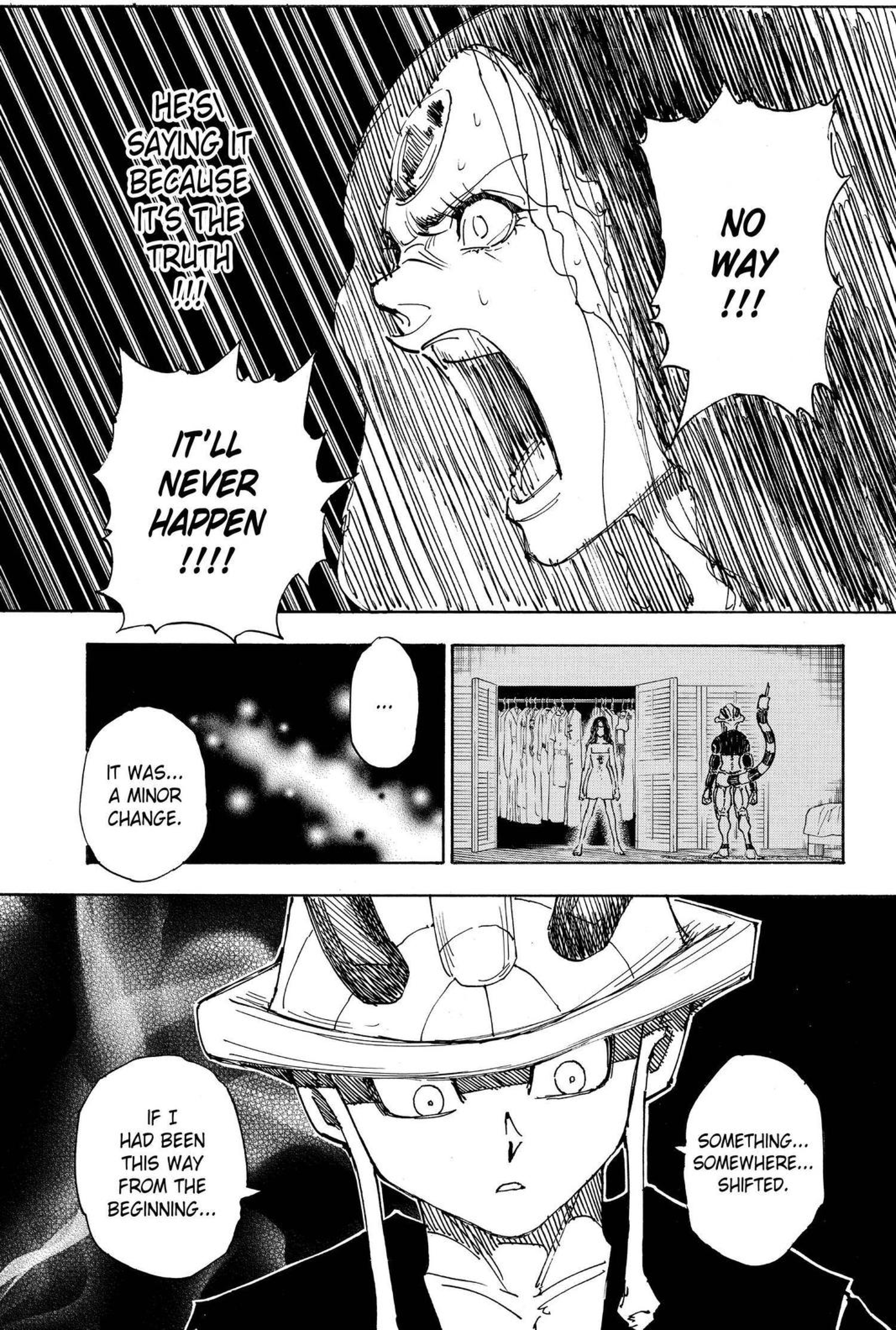

THE BATTLE FOR THE FATE OF HUMANITY...
...IS OVER.
YOU SEEM UNABLE TO ACCEPT THAT.
I WILL REPEAT AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY.
YOU HAVE WON.
THE BATTLE HAS ENDED.
I WILL SPEAK TO YOU NOW AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

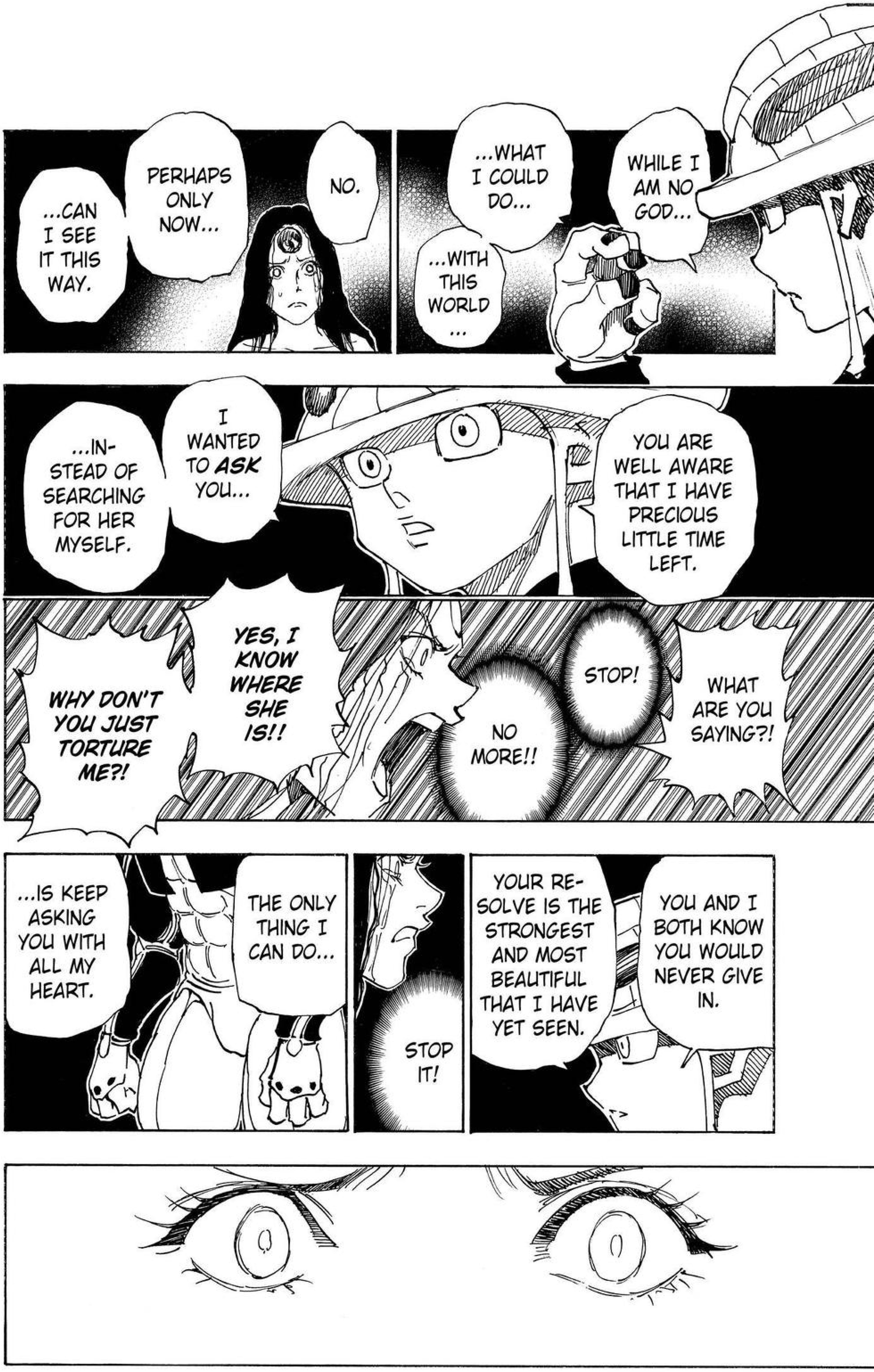

MY REASON FOR BEING HERE...
...IS NOT COMPLEX.
I WANT TO SEE KOMUGI.
NOTHING MORE.

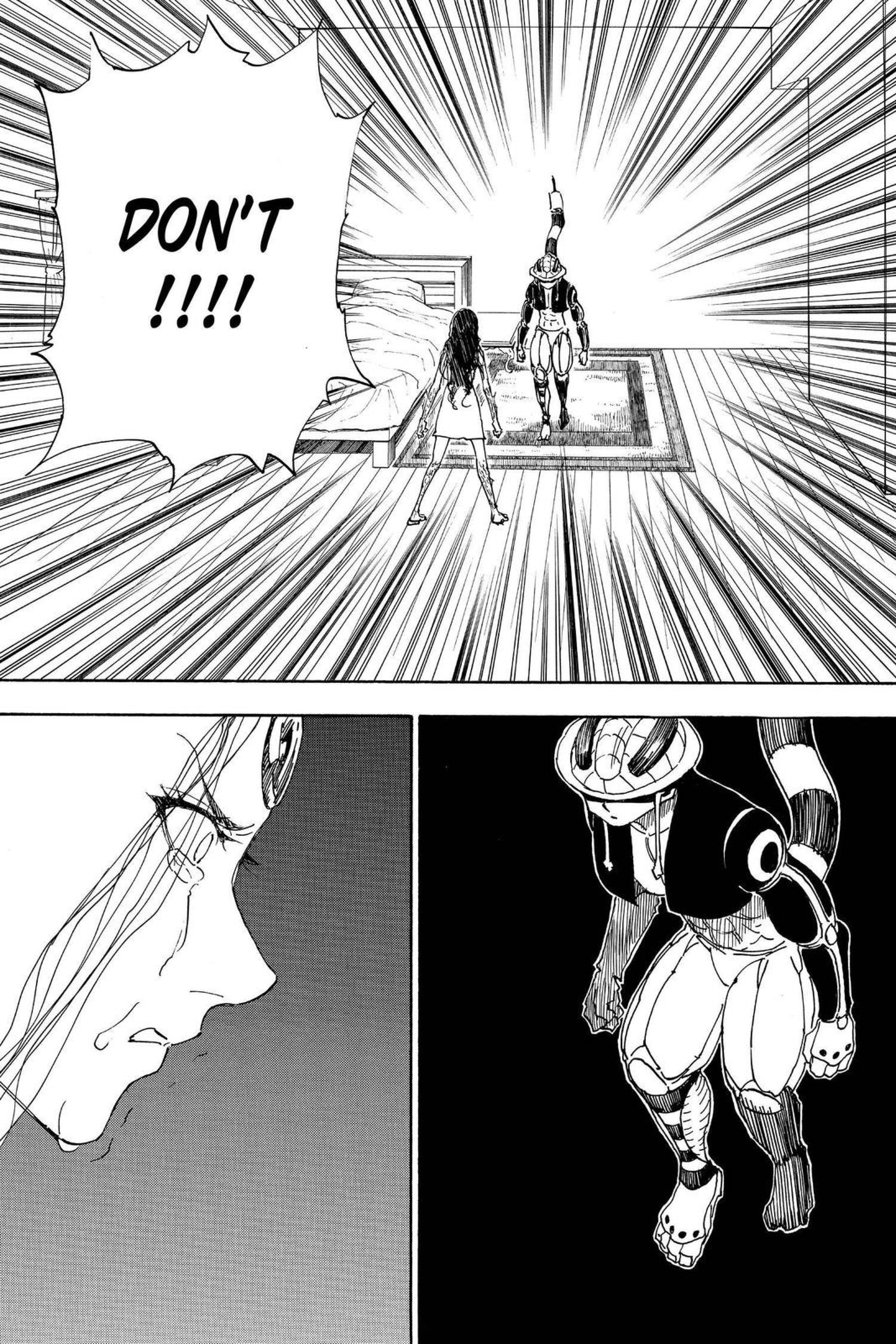

YES.
I MEAN IT.
I DESIRE NOTHING ELSE.
I FELT YOUR NEN...
...AND I BELIEVE YOU HAVE INSIGHT INTO MY CURRENT... *CONDITION.*
EVEN KNOWING WHAT WILL HAPPEN...
...MY GREATEST DESIRE IS STILL...

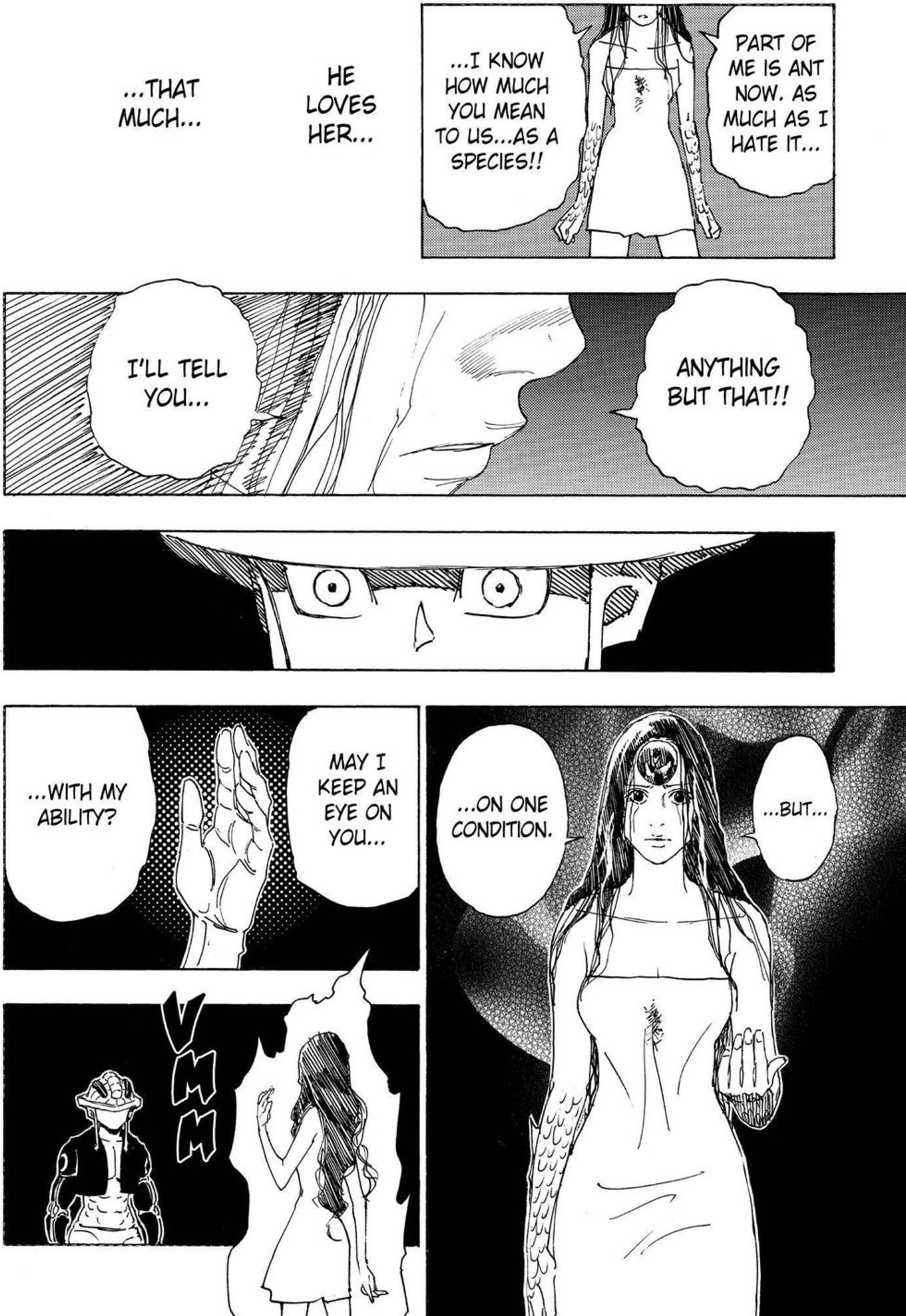

...TO SPEND THE TIME REMAINING TO ME...
...WITH KOMUGI BY MY SIDE.
NOTHING ELSE.

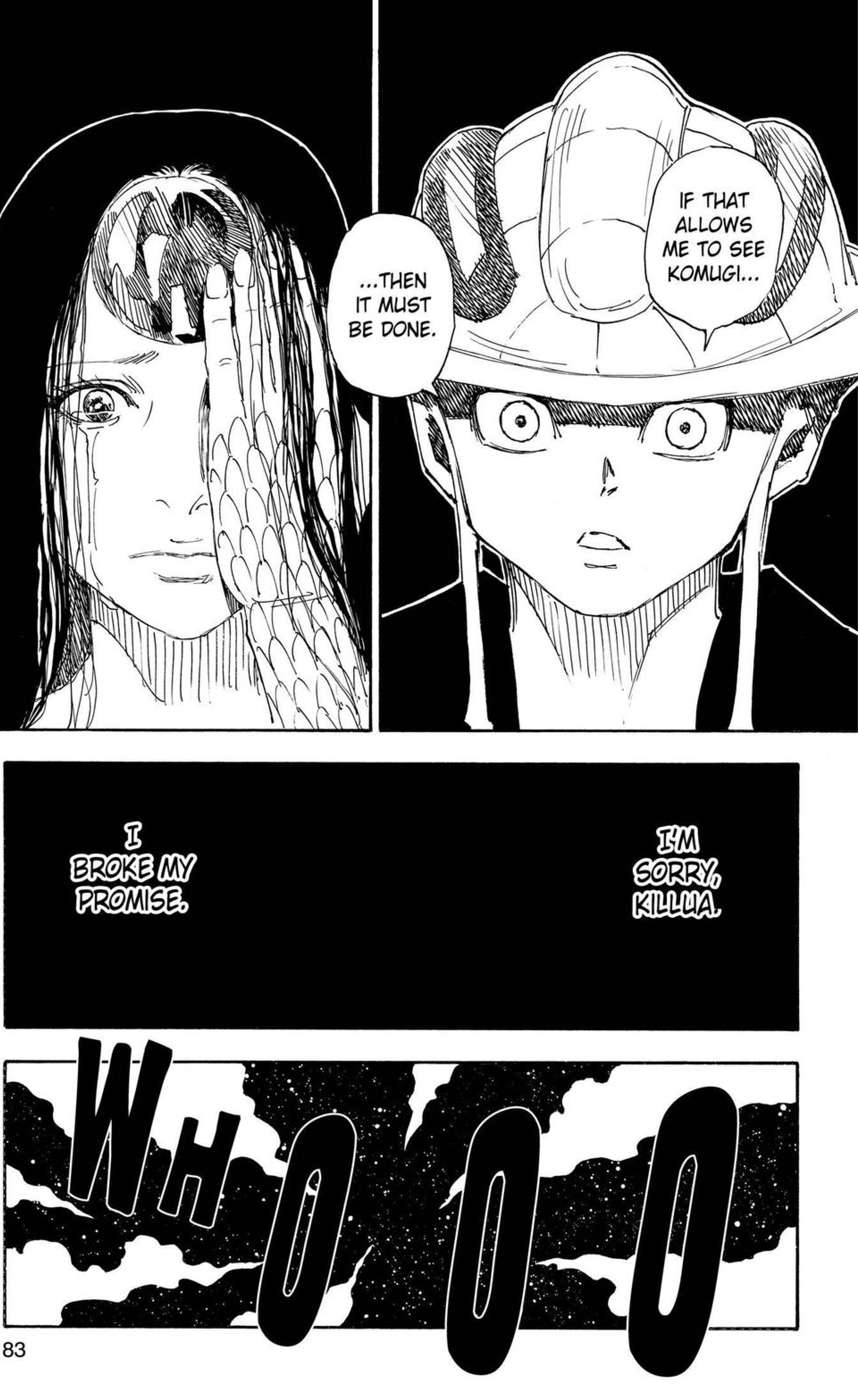

IS THIS ANOTHER STRATEGY...
...EXPLOITING MY PSYCHOLOGY?
NO! I KNOW IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!!
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE YOU? JUST LIKE THAT ?!
THE KING WOULD NEVER LIE TO SOMEONE AS LOWLY AS ME!!
THE CREATURE CAPABLE OF ALL THAT SLAUGHTER ?!
HE ADMITS DEFEAT!! EVEN *LOVE!!*

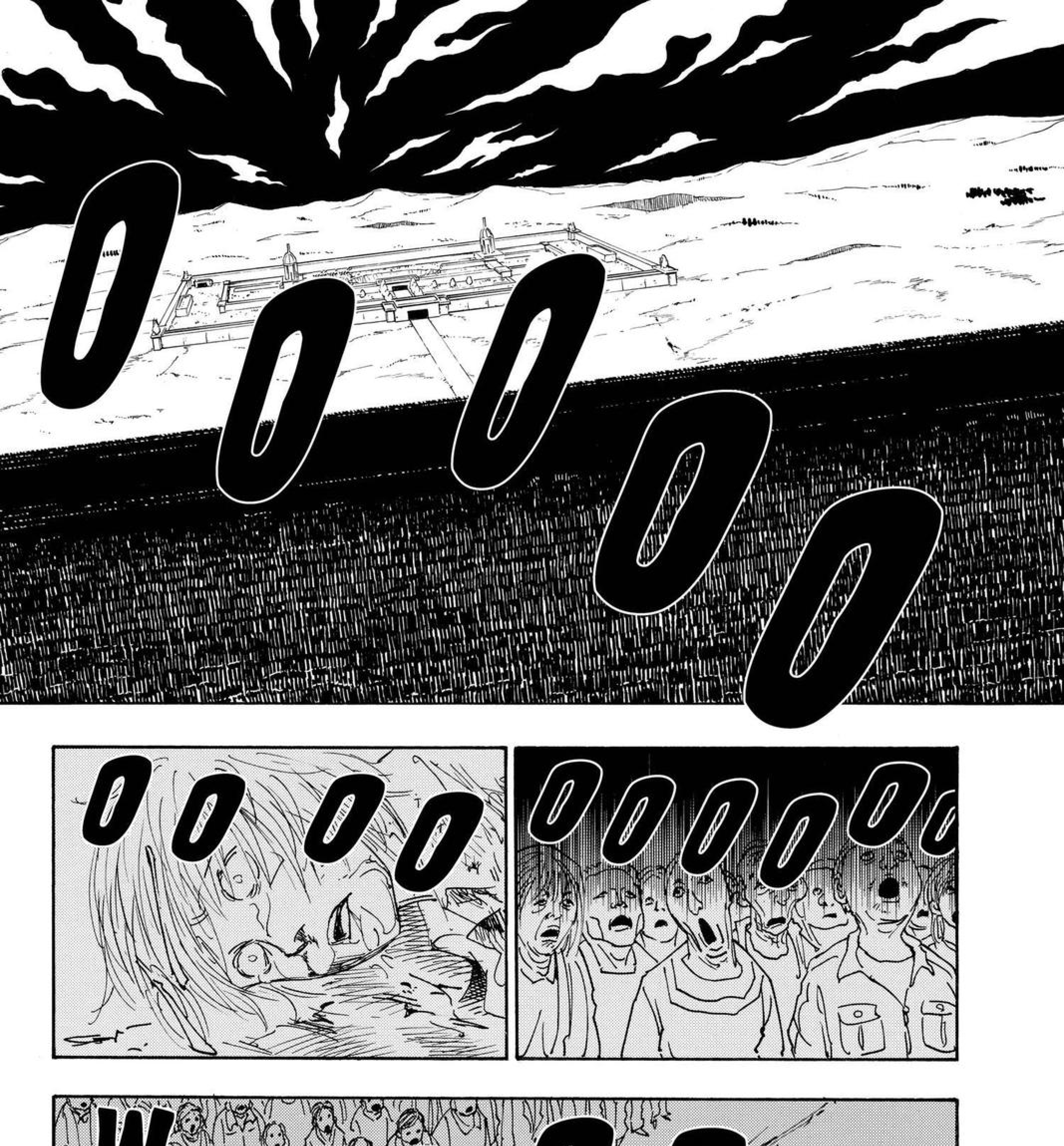

NO WAY!!!
HE'S SAYING IT BECAUSE IT'S THE TRUTH!!!
IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN!!!!
...
IT WAS... A MINOR CHANGE.
SOMETHING... SOMEWHERE... SHIFTED.
IF I HAD BEEN THIS WAY FROM THE BEGINNING...


WHILE I AM NO GOD...
...WHAT I COULD DO...
...WITH THIS WORLD...
NO.
PERHAPS ONLY NOW...
...CAN I SEE IT THIS WAY.
YOU ARE WELL AWARE THAT I HAVE PRECIOUS LITTLE TIME LEFT.
I WANTED TO **ASK** YOU...
...INSTEAD OF SEARCHING FOR HER MYSELF.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
STOP!
NO MORE!!
YES, I KNOW WHERE SHE IS!!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST TORTURE ME?!
YOU AND I BOTH KNOW YOU WOULD NEVER GIVE IN.
YOUR RESOLVE IS THE STRONGEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THAT I HAVE YET SEEN.
STOP IT!
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO...
...IS KEEP ASKING YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.


DON'T !!!!


PART OF ME IS ANT NOW. AS MUCH AS I HATE IT...
...I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO US...AS A SPECIES!!
HE LOVES HER...
...THAT MUCH...
ANYTHING BUT THAT!!
I'LL TELL YOU...
...BUT...
...ON ONE CONDITION.
MAY I KEEP AN EYE ON YOU...
...WITH MY ABILITY?
VMM


IF THAT ALLOWS ME TO SEE KOMUGI...
...THEN IT MUST BE DONE.
I'M SORRY, KILLUA.
I BROKE MY PROMISE.
WHOOOO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OOOO
OOOOOO
WHOOOOOO

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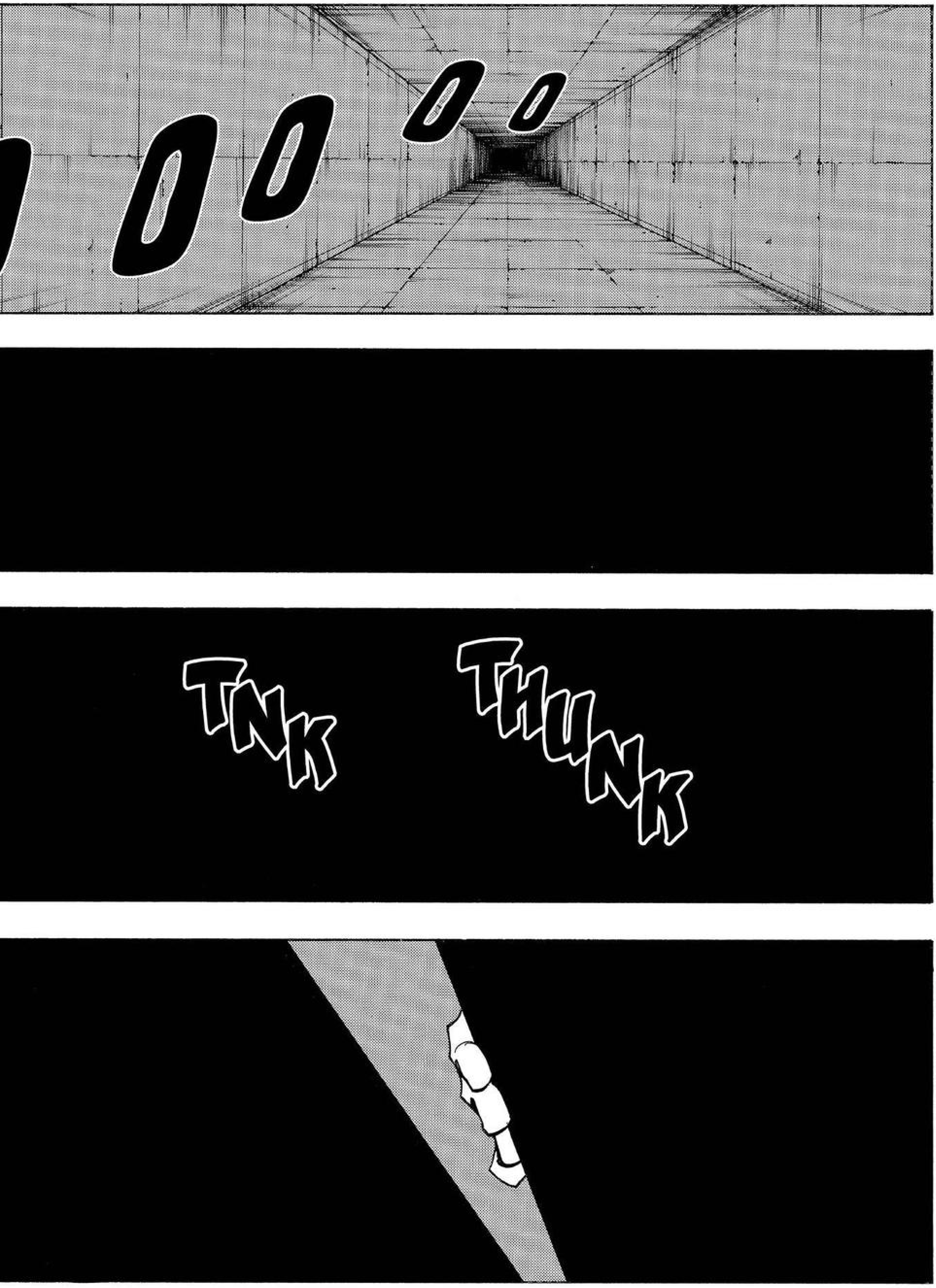
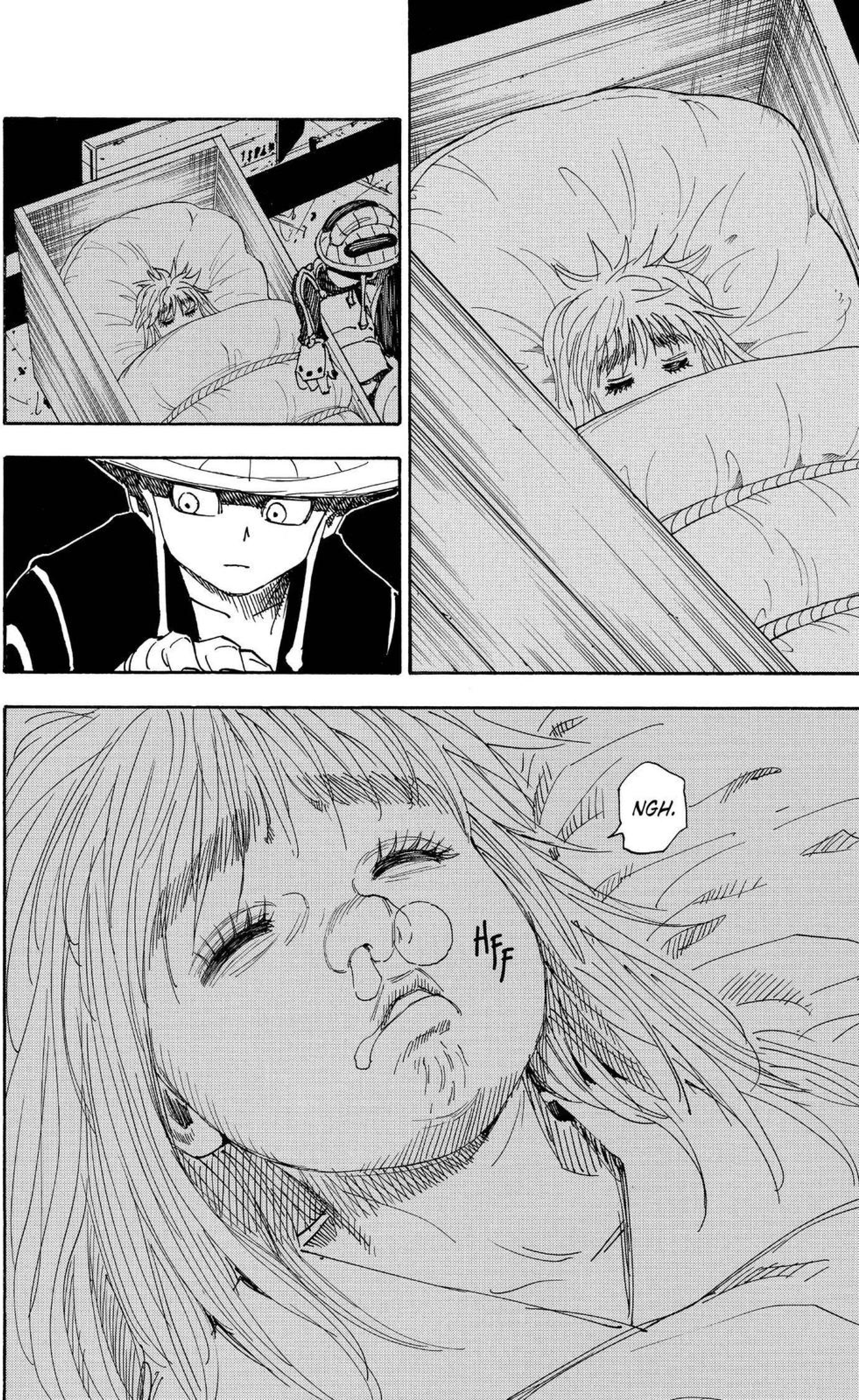
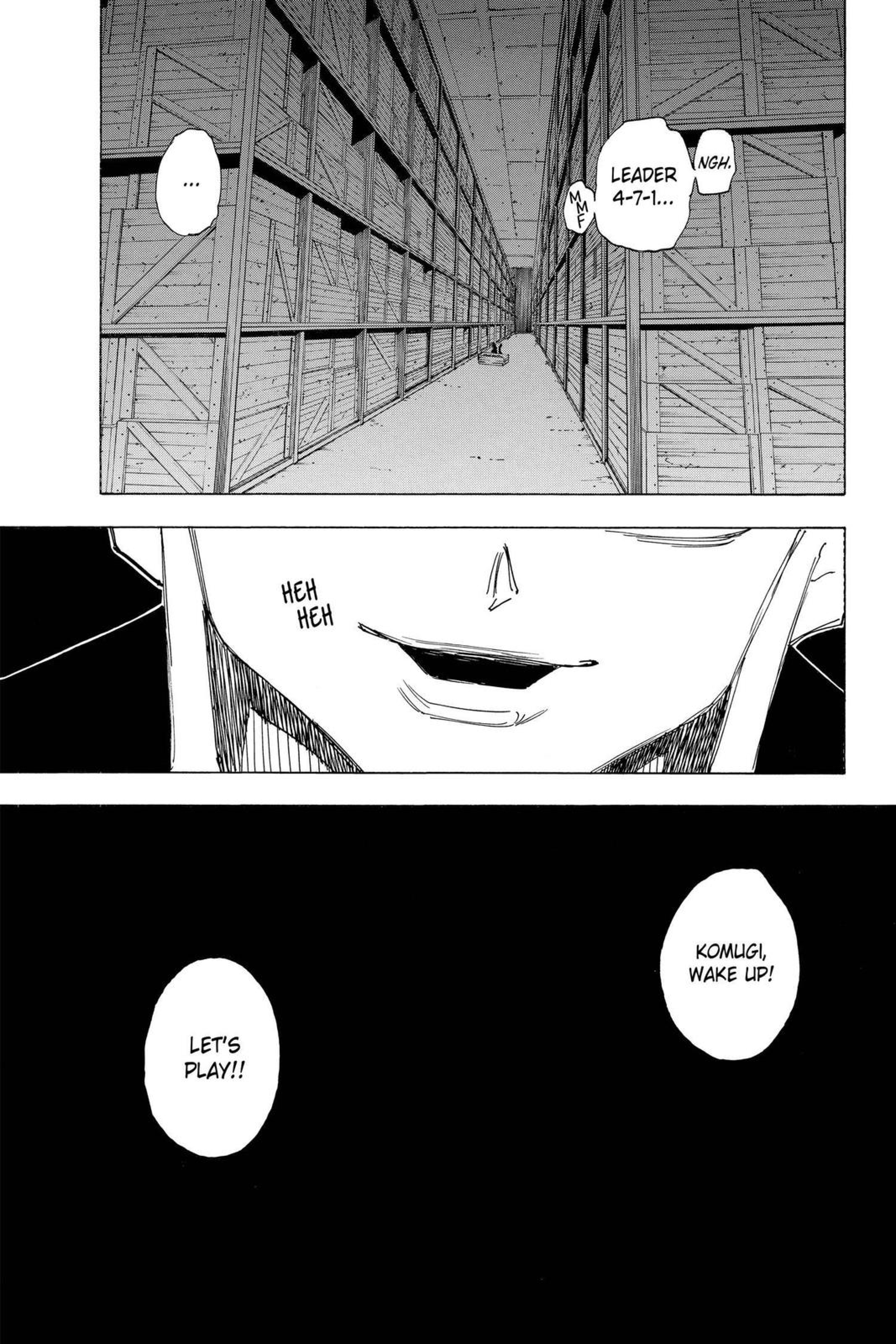
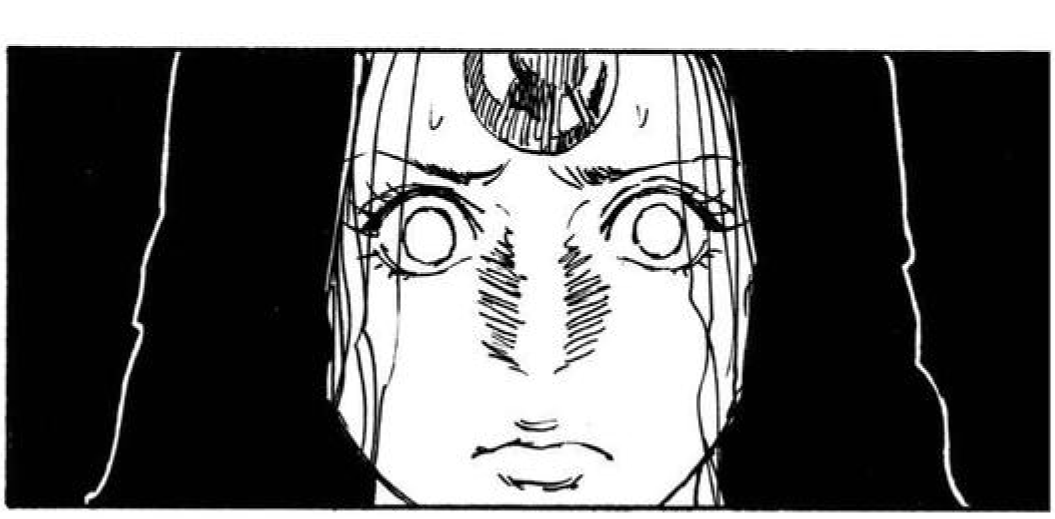

OOOOO
THUNK
TNK


NGH.
HFF


NGH.
LEADER 4-7-1...
MMF
...
HEH HEH
KOMUGI, WAKE UP!
LET'S PLAY!!



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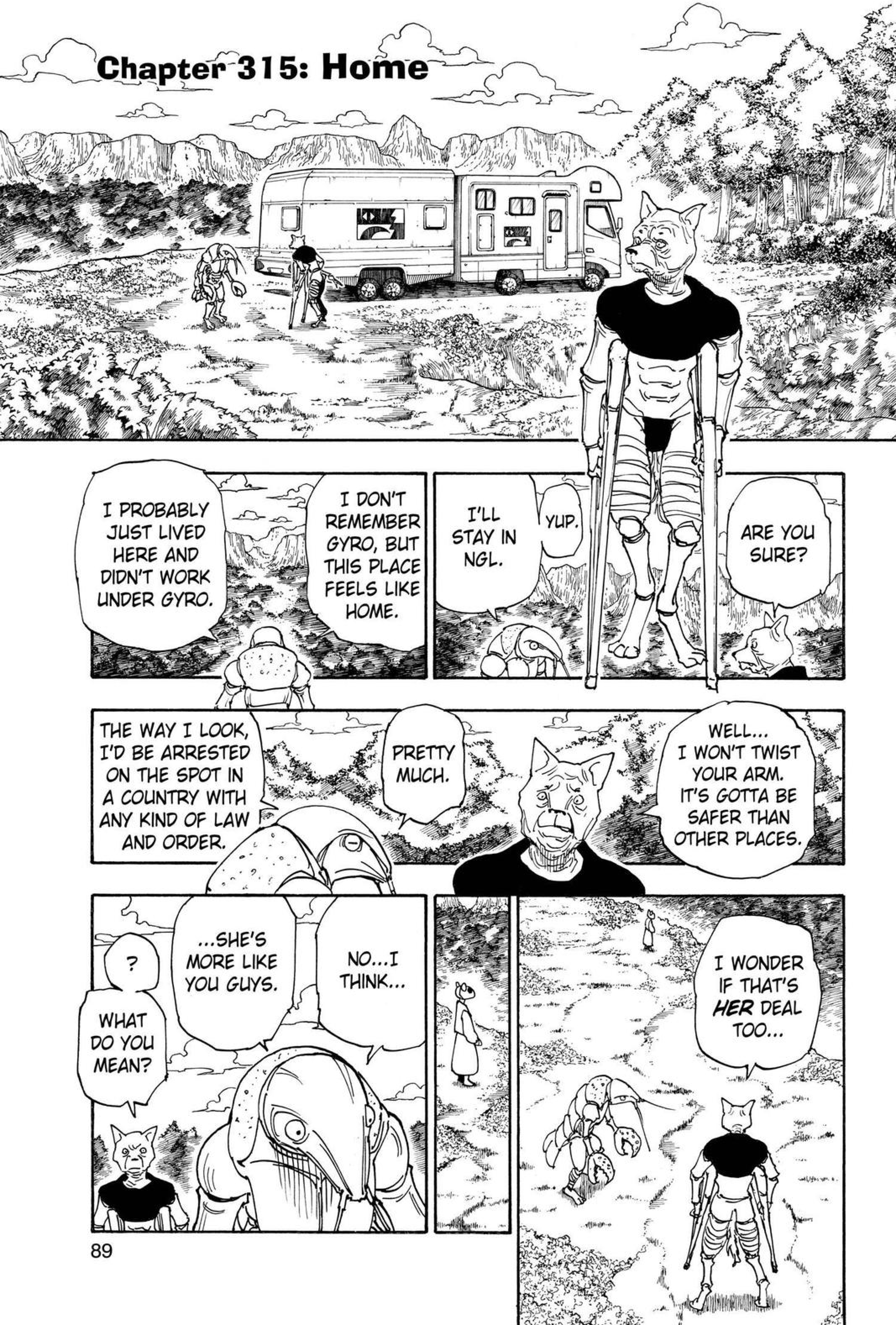
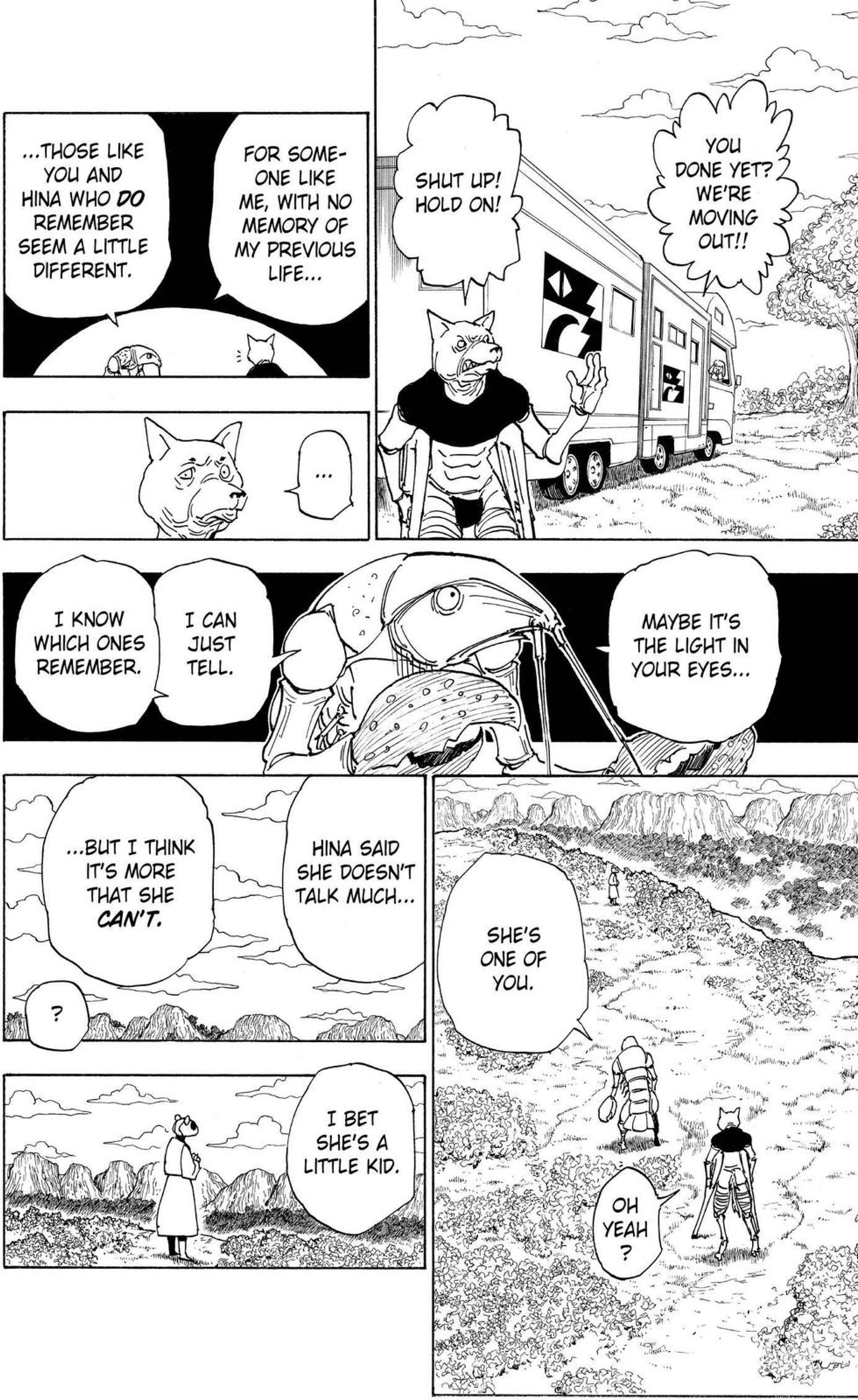
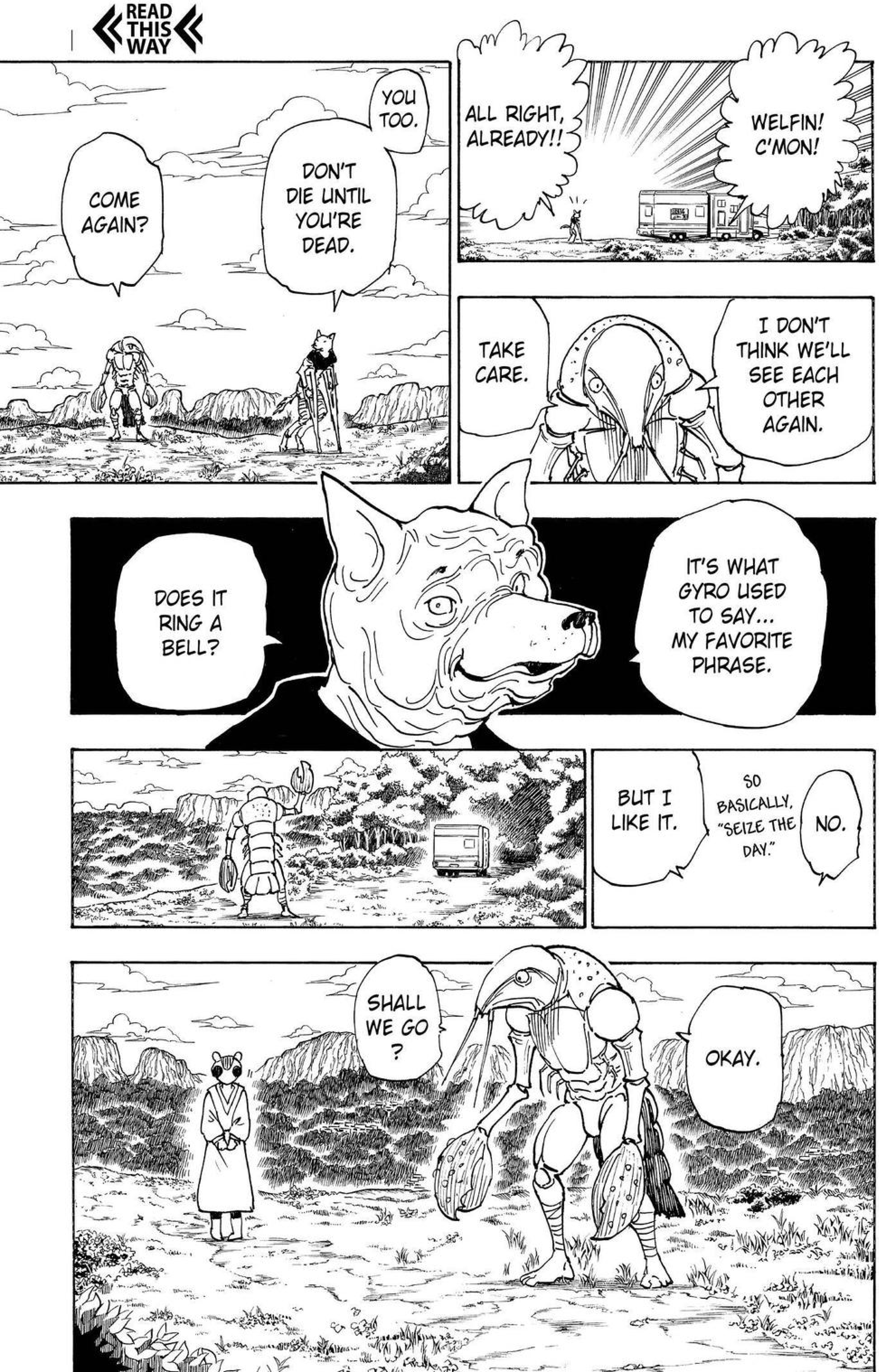
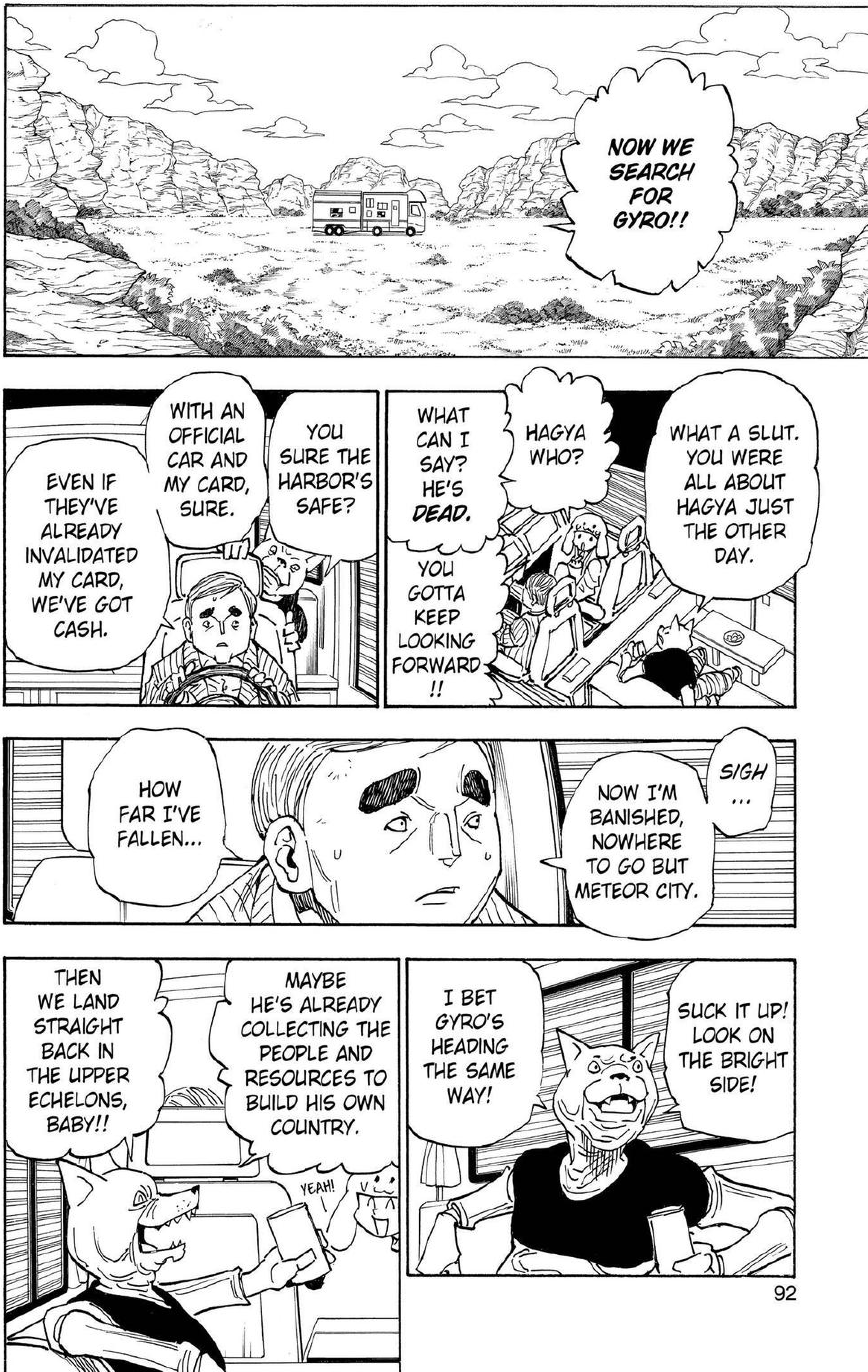
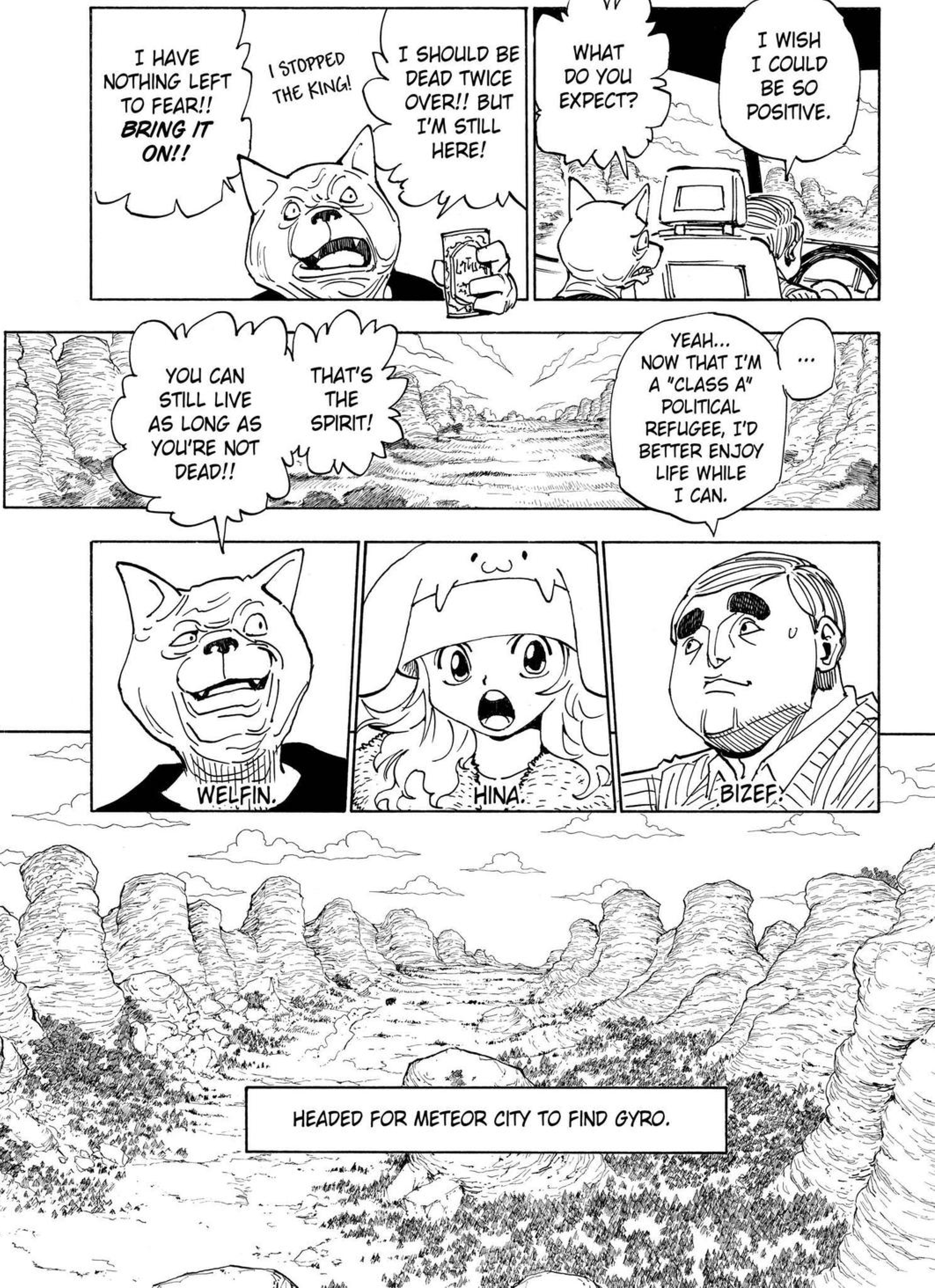

ARE YOU SURE?
YUP.
I'LL STAY IN NGL.
I DON'T REMEMBER GYRO, BUT THIS PLACE FEELS LIKE HOME.
I PROBABLY JUST LIVED HERE AND DIDN'T WORK UNDER GYRO.
WELL... I WON'T TWIST YOUR ARM. IT'S GOTTA BE SAFER THAN OTHER PLACES.
PRETTY MUCH.
THE WAY I LOOK, I'D BE ARRESTED ON THE SPOT IN A COUNTRY WITH ANY KIND OF LAW AND ORDER.
I WONDER IF THAT'S *HER* DEAL TOO...
NO...I THINK...
...SHE'S MORE LIKE YOU GUYS.
?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

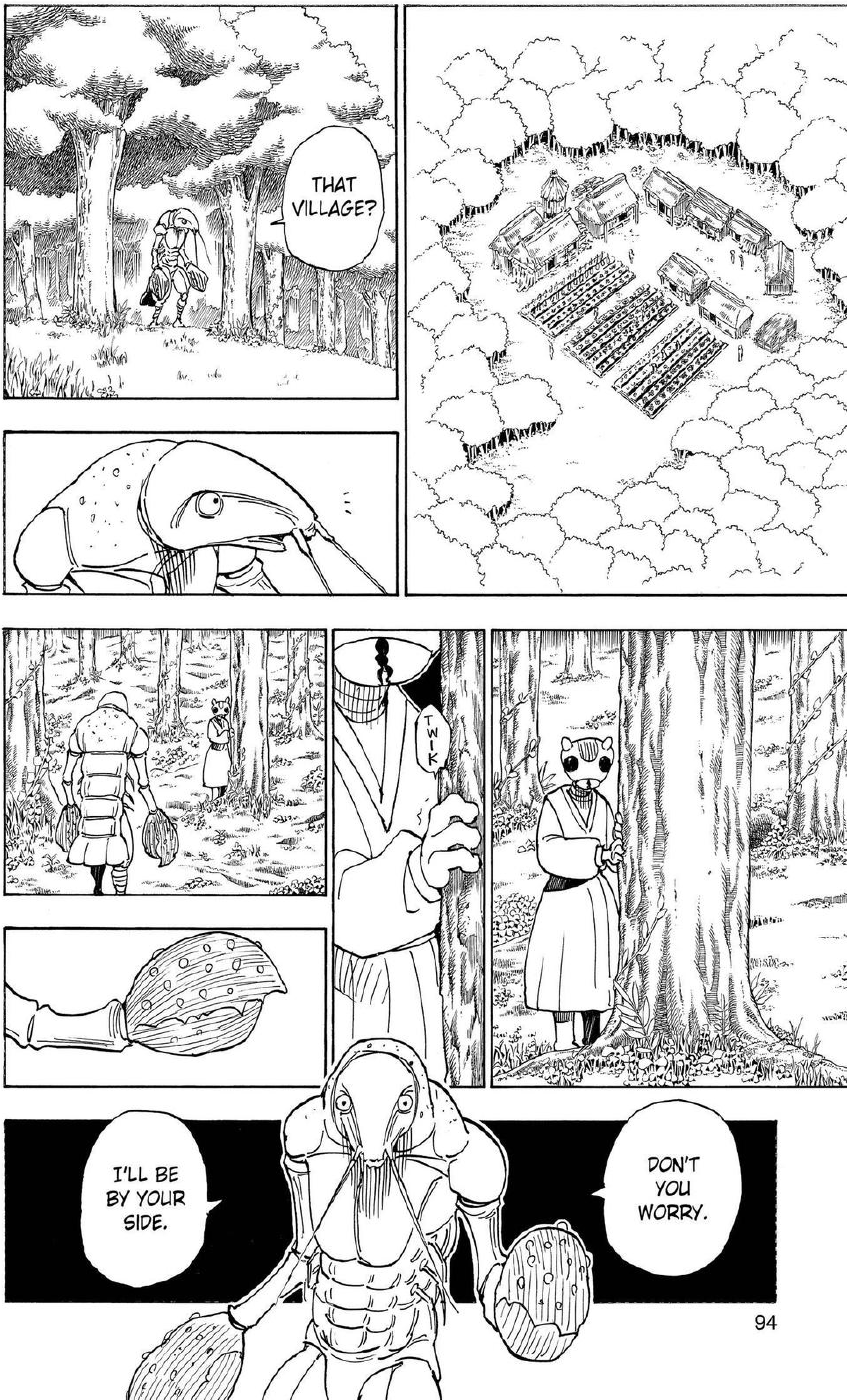

YOU DONE YET? WE'RE MOVING OUT!!
SHUT UP! HOLD ON!
FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME, WITH NO MEMORY OF MY PREVIOUS LIFE...
...THOSE LIKE YOU AND HINA WHO *DO* REMEMBER SEEM A LITTLE DIFFERENT.
...
MAYBE IT'S THE LIGHT IN YOUR EYES...
I CAN JUST TELL.
I KNOW WHICH ONES REMEMBER.
SHE'S ONE OF YOU.
OH YEAH?
HINA SAID SHE DOESN'T TALK MUCH...
...BUT I THINK IT'S MORE THAT SHE ***CAN'T.***
?
I BET SHE'S A LITTLE KID.

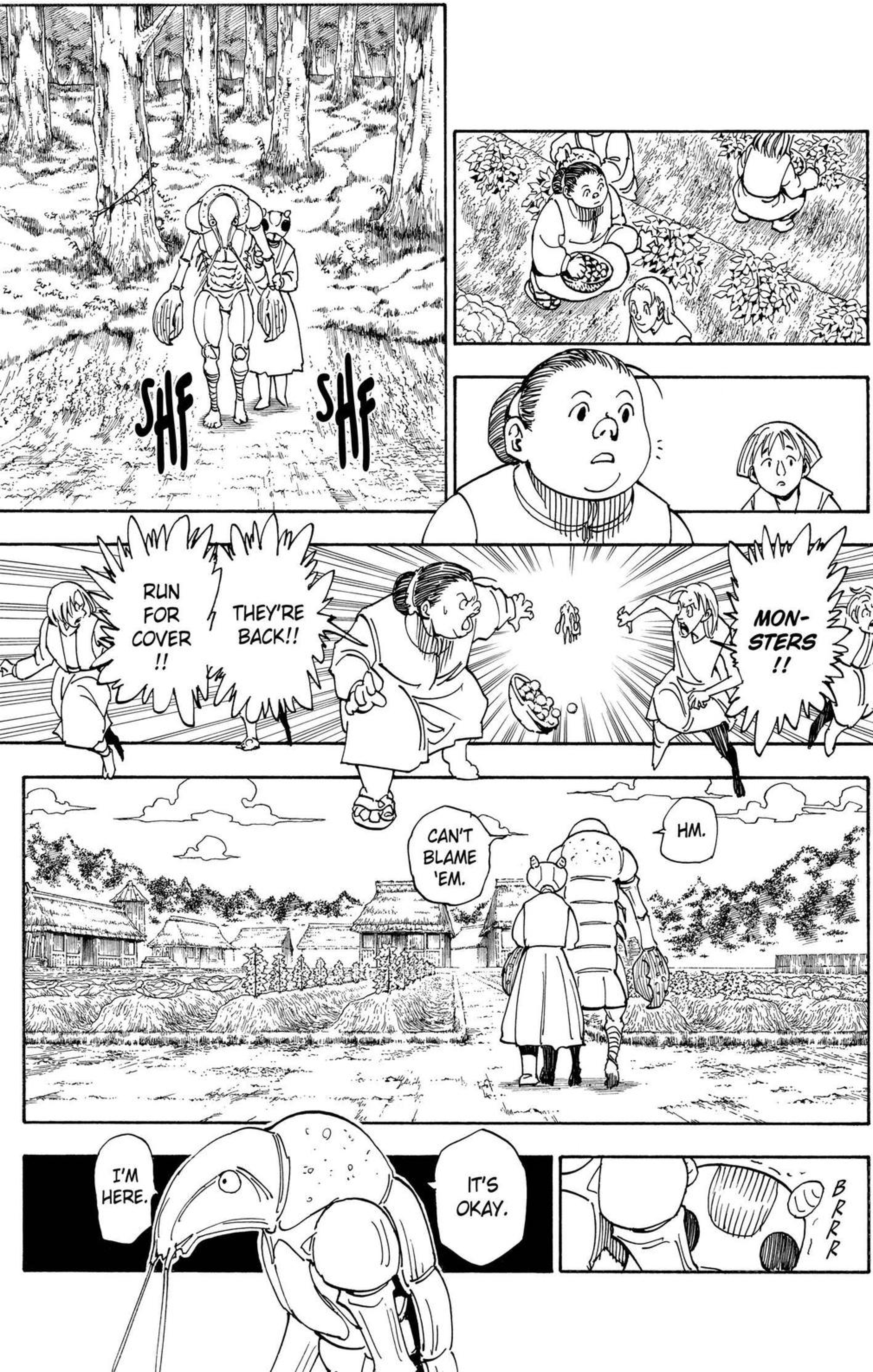
READ THIS WAY
WELFIN! C'MON!
ALL RIGHT, ALREADY!!
I DON'T THINK WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
TAKE CARE.
YOU TOO.
DON'T DIE UNTIL YOU'RE DEAD.
COME AGAIN?
IT'S WHAT GYRO USED TO SAY... MY FAVORITE PHRASE.
DOES IT RING A BELL?
NO.
SO BASICALLY, "SEIZE THE DAY."
BUT I LIKE IT.
OKAY.
SHALL WE GO?

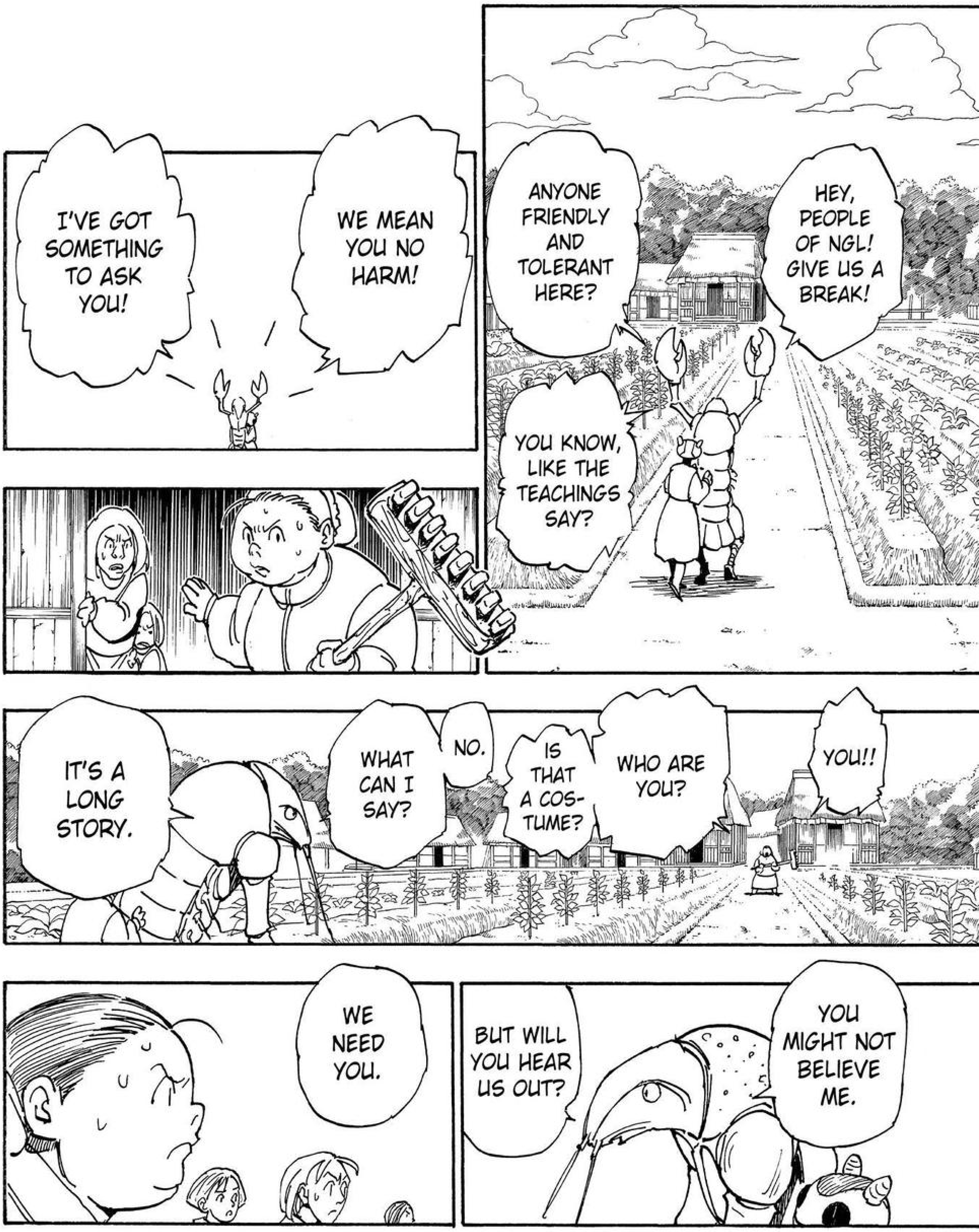

NOW WE SEARCH FOR GYRO!!
WHAT A SLUT. YOU WERE ALL ABOUT HAGYA JUST THE OTHER DAY.
HAGYA WHO?
WHAT CAN I SAY? HE'S DEAD.
YOU GOTTA KEEP LOOKING FORWARD!!
YOU SURE THE HARBOR'S SAFE?
WITH AN OFFICIAL CAR AND MY CARD, SURE.
EVEN IF THEY'VE ALREADY INVALIDATED MY CARD, WE'VE GOT CASH.
SIGH...
NOW I'M BANISHED, NOWHERE TO GO BUT METEOR CITY.
HOW FAR I'VE FALLEN...
SUCK IT UP! LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE!
I BET GYRO'S HEADING THE SAME WAY!
MAYBE HE'S ALREADY COLLECTING THE PEOPLE AND RESOURCES TO BUILD HIS OWN COUNTRY.
YEAH!
THEN WE LAND STRAIGHT BACK IN THE UPPER ECHELONS, BABY!!

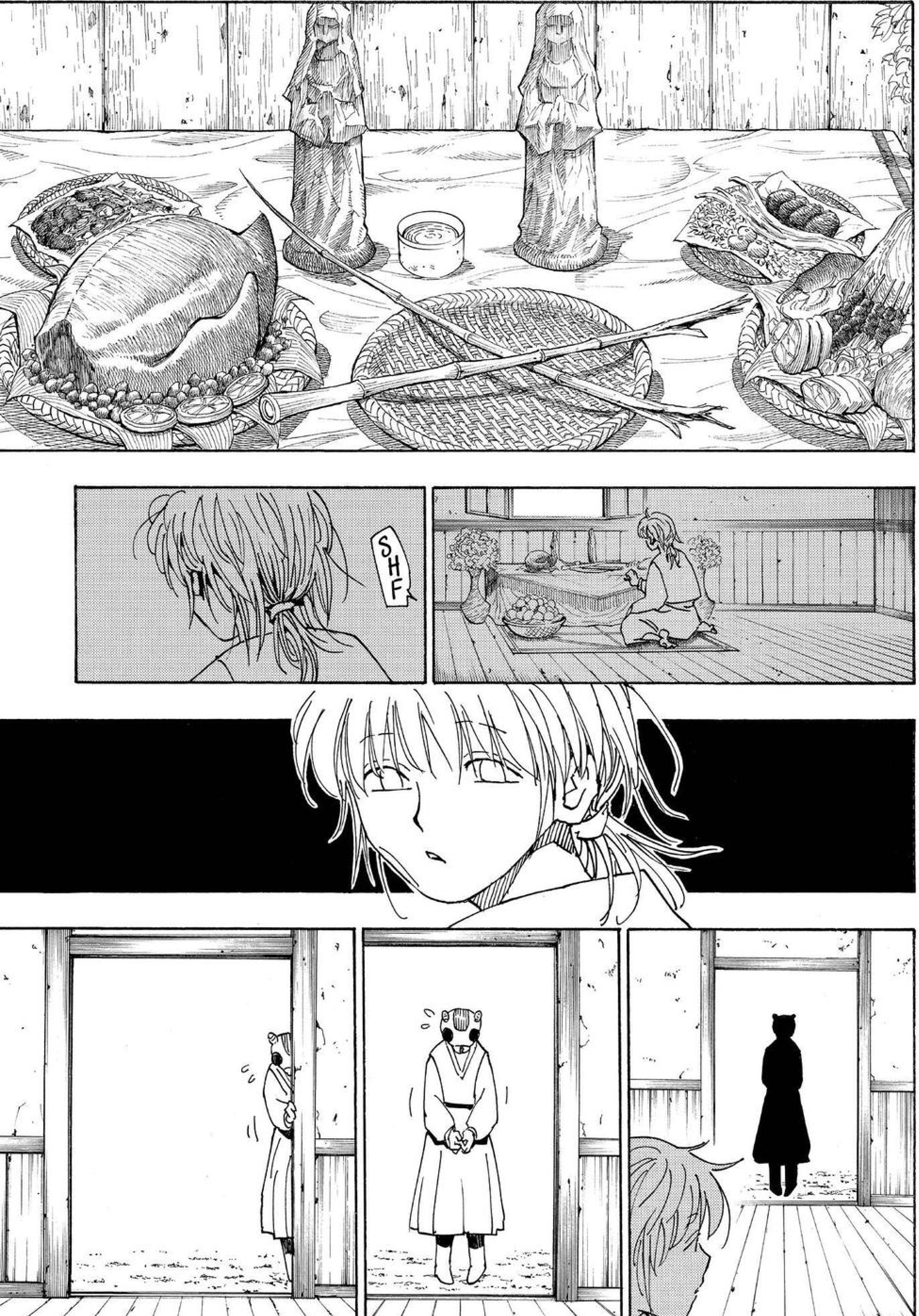
READ THIS WAY


I WISH I COULD BE SO POSITIVE.
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
I SHOULD BE DEAD TWICE OVER!! BUT I'M STILL HERE!
I STOPPED THE KING!
I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR!! *BRING IT ON!!*
...
YEAH... NOW THAT I'M A "CLASS A" POLITICAL REFUGEE, I'D BETTER ENJOY LIFE WHILE I CAN.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
YOU CAN STILL LIVE AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT DEAD!!
BIZEF.
HINA.
WELFIN.
HEADED FOR METEOR CITY TO FIND GYRO.


THAT VILLAGE?
TWIK
DON'T YOU WORRY.
I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE.


SHF
SHF
MON-STERS!!
THEY'RE BACK!!
RUN FOR COVER!!
HM.
CAN'T BLAME 'EM.
BRRR
IT'S OKAY.
I'M HERE.


HEY, PEOPLE OF NGL! GIVE US A BREAK!
ANYONE FRIENDLY AND TOLERANT HERE?
YOU KNOW, LIKE THE TEACHINGS SAY?
WE MEAN YOU NO HARM!
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO ASK YOU!
YOU!!
WHO ARE YOU?
IS THAT A COSTUME?
NO.
WHAT CAN I SAY?
IT'S A LONG STORY.
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE ME.
BUT WILL YOU HEAR US OUT?
WE NEED YOU.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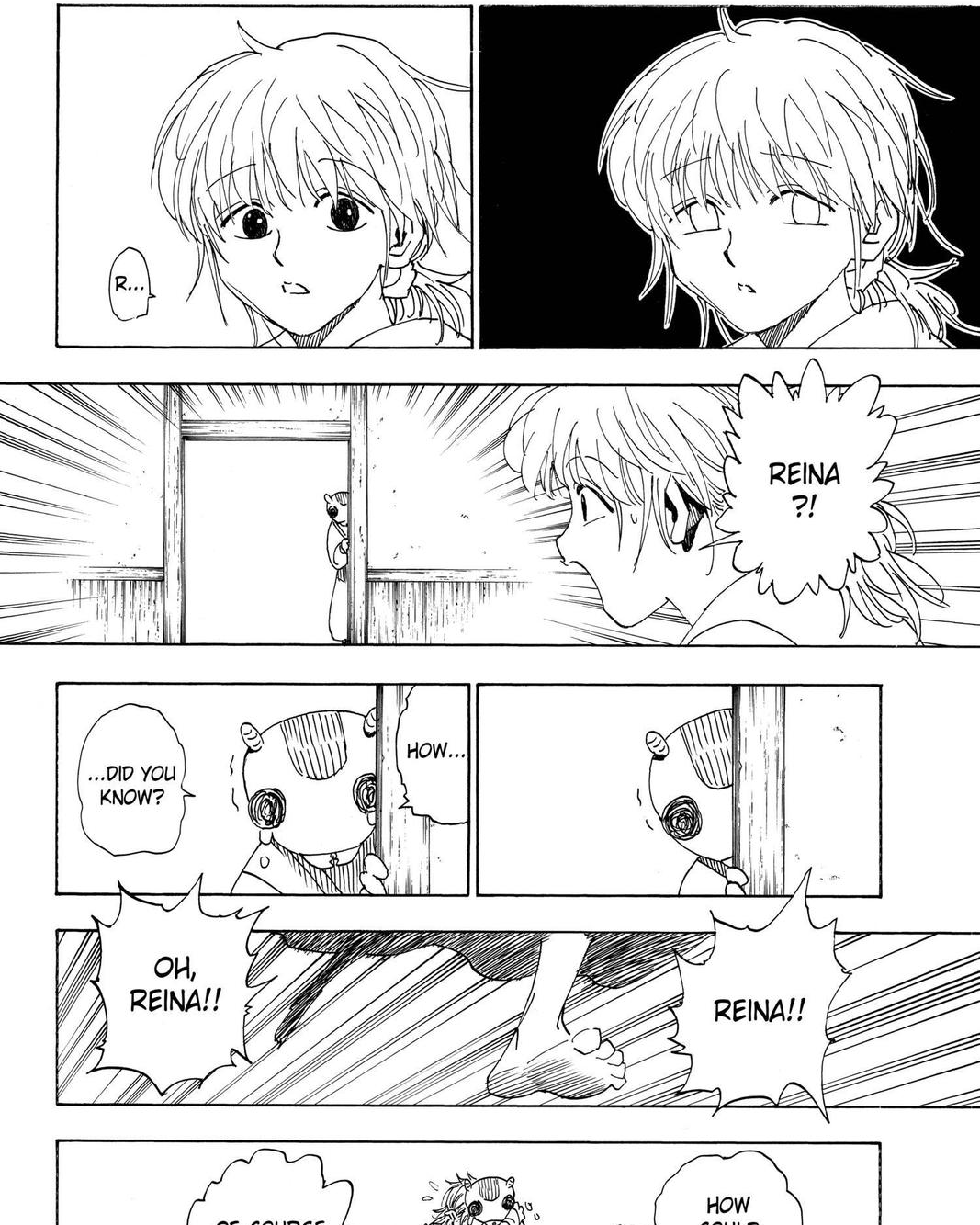
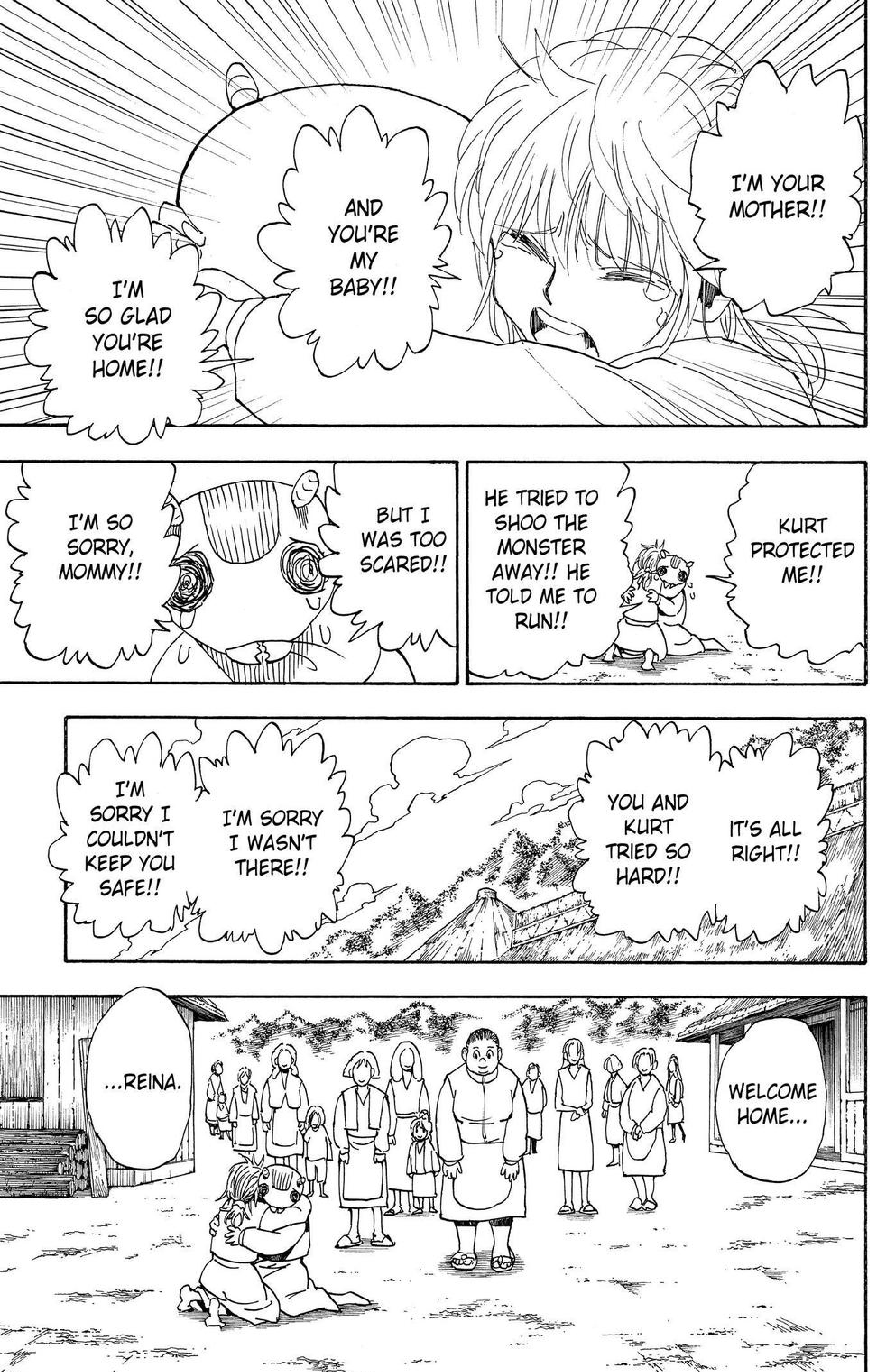
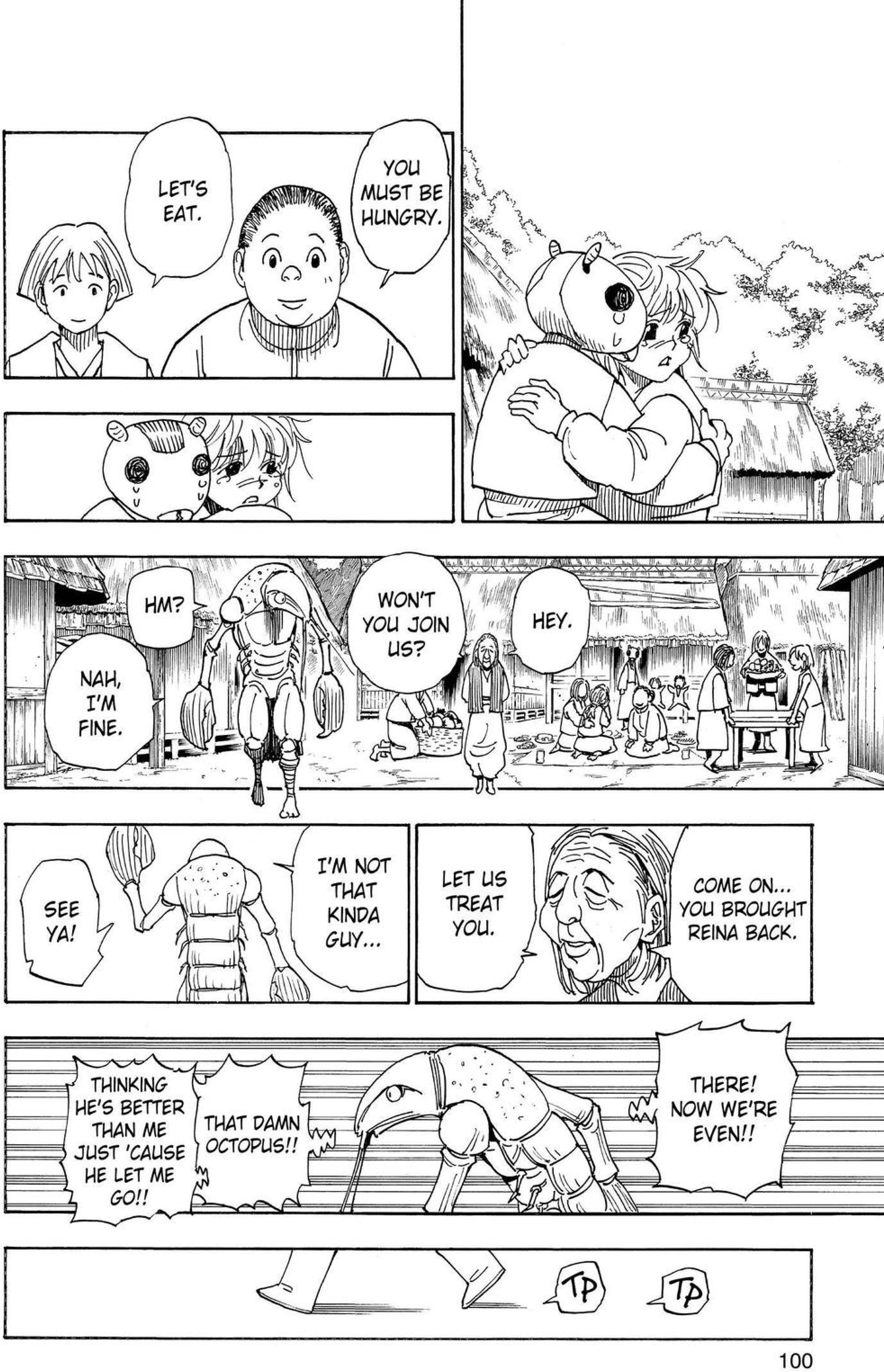

R...
REINA ?!
HOW...
...DID YOU KNOW?
REINA!!
OH, REINA!!
HOW COULD YOU TELL?
OF COURSE I COULD TELL!!


I'M YOUR MOTHER!!
AND YOU'RE MY BABY!!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HOME!!
KURT PROTECTED ME!!
HE TRIED TO SHOO THE MONSTER AWAY!! HE TOLD ME TO RUN!!
BUT I WAS TOO SCARED!!
I'M SO SORRY, MOMMY!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT!!
YOU AND KURT TRIED SO HARD!!
I'M SORRY I WASN'T THERE!!
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T KEEP YOU SAFE!!
WELCOME HOME...
...REINA.


YOU MUST BE HUNGRY.
LET'S EAT.
HEY.
WON'T YOU JOIN US?
HM?
NAH, I'M FINE.
COME ON... YOU BROUGHT REINA BACK.
LET US TREAT YOU.
I'M NOT THAT KINDA GUY...
SEE YA!
THERE! NOW WE'RE EVEN!!
THAT DAMN OCTOPUS!!
THINKING HE'S BETTER THAN ME JUST 'CAUSE HE LET ME GO!!
TP
TP

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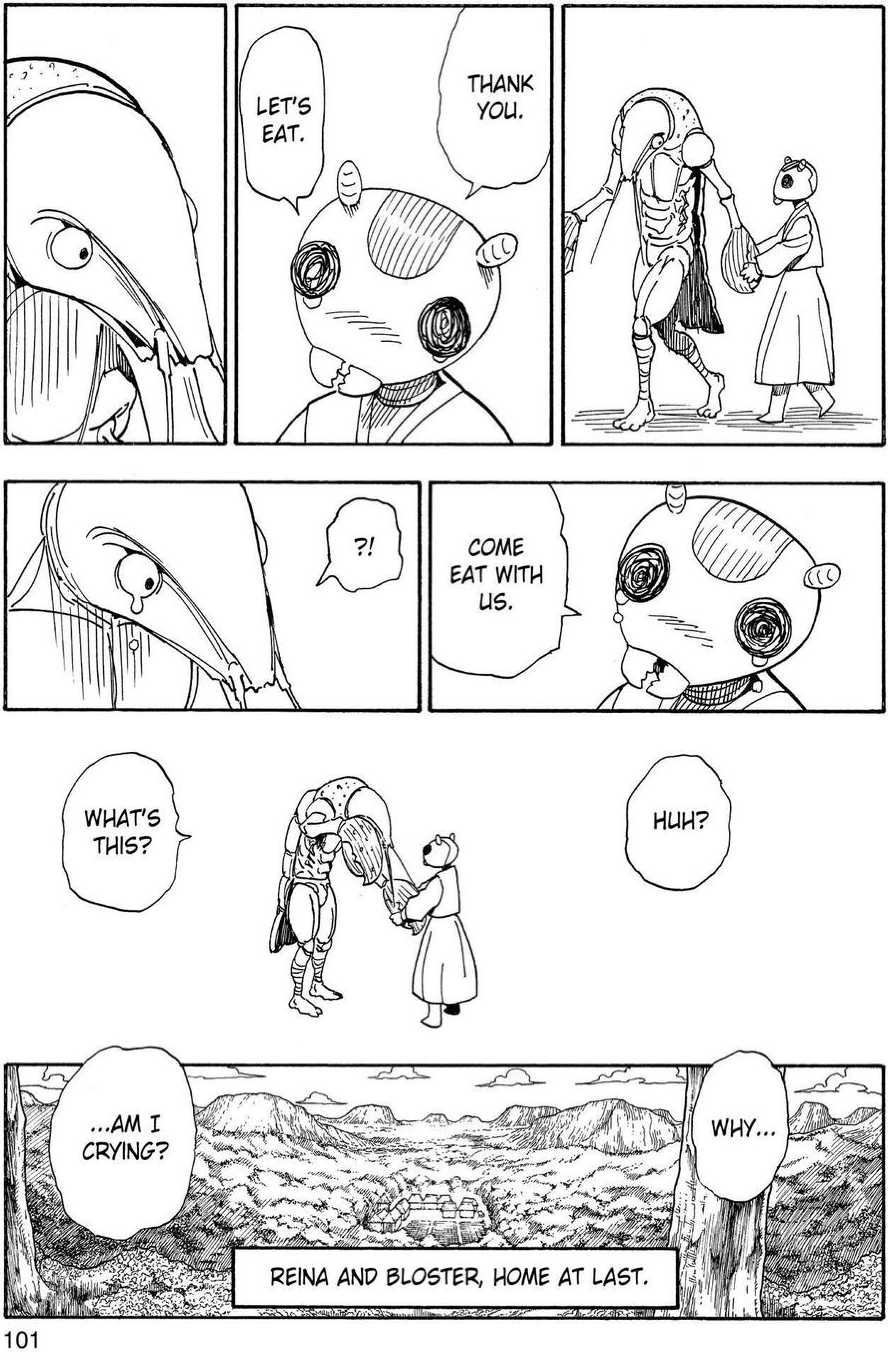
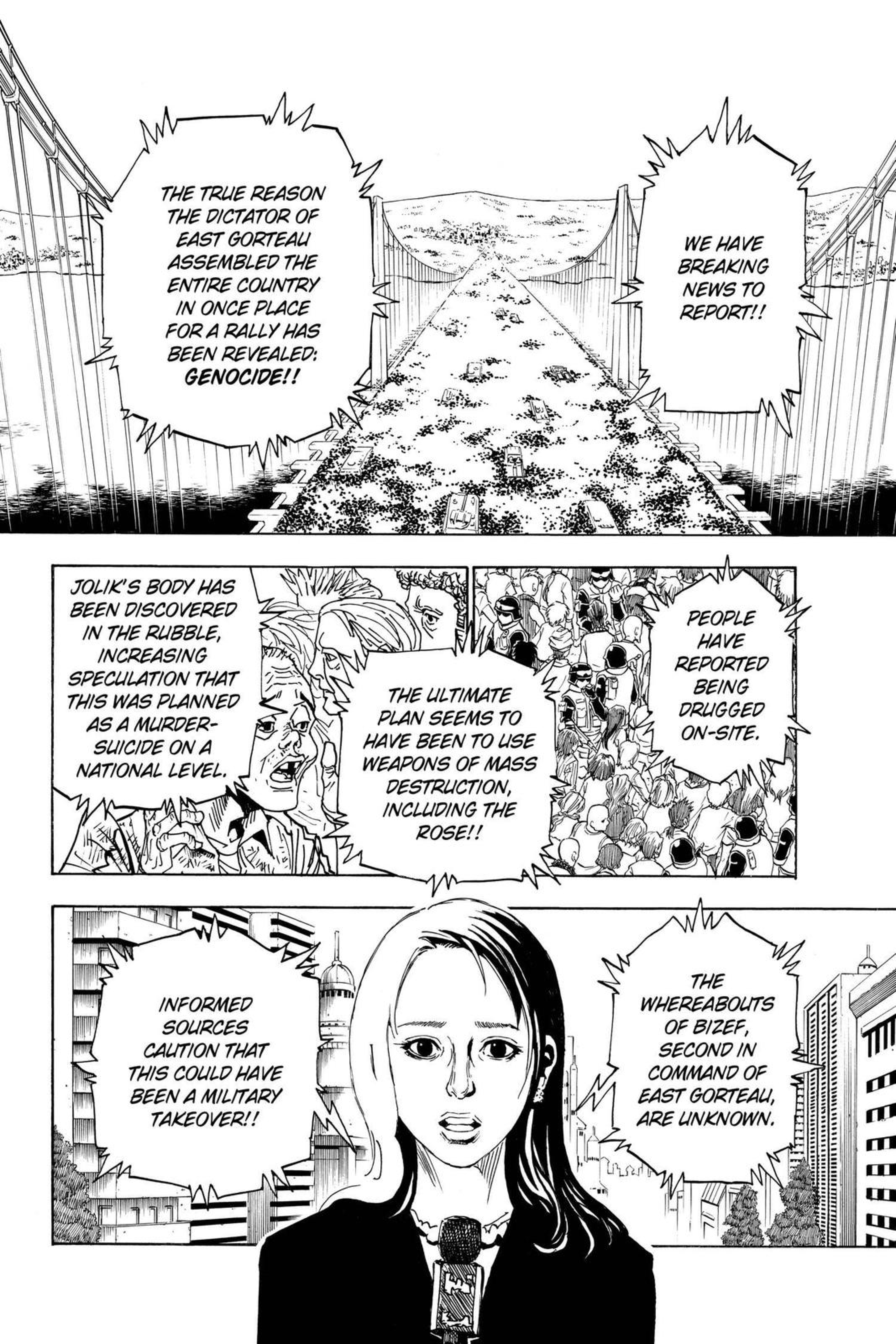
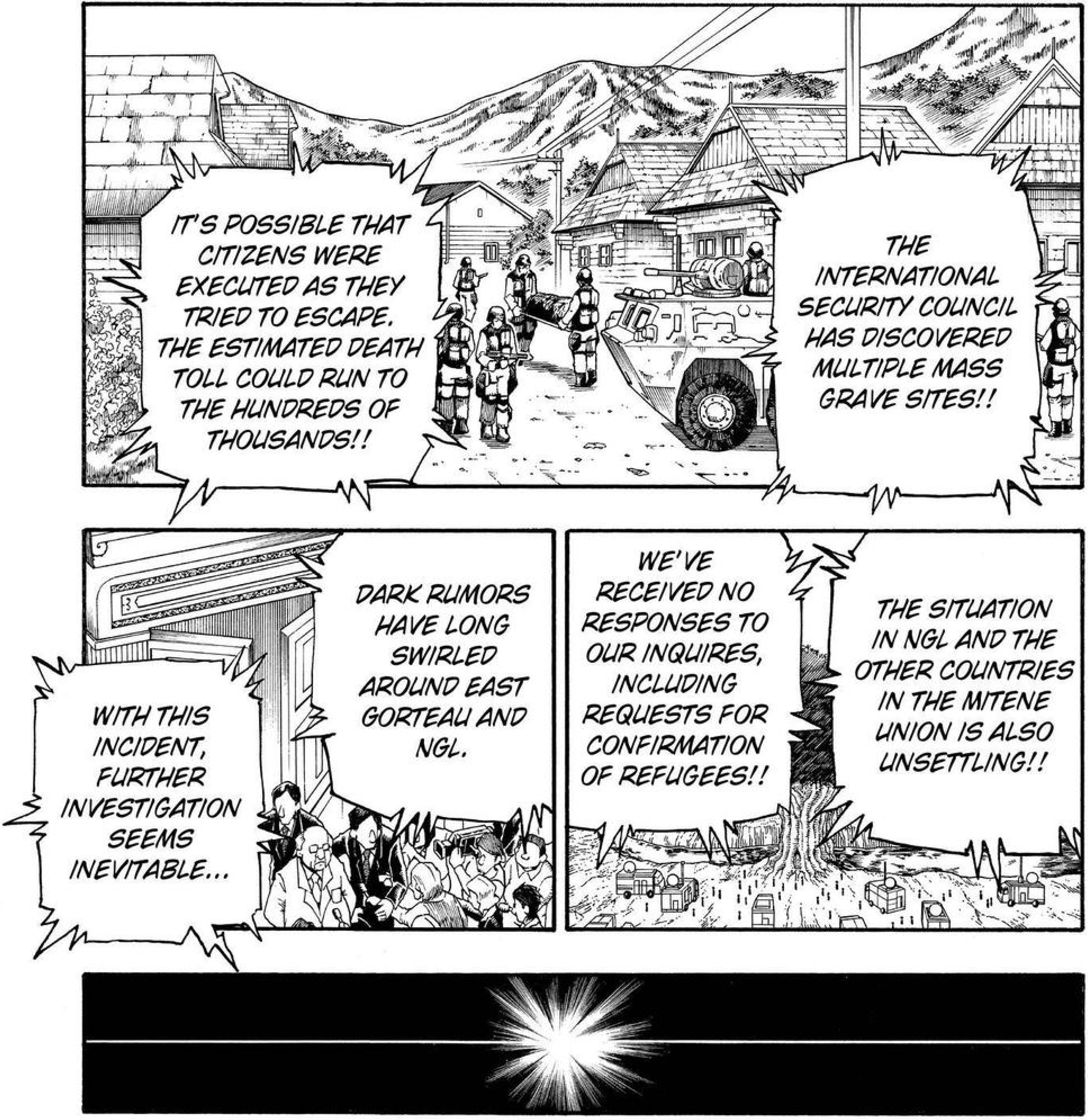
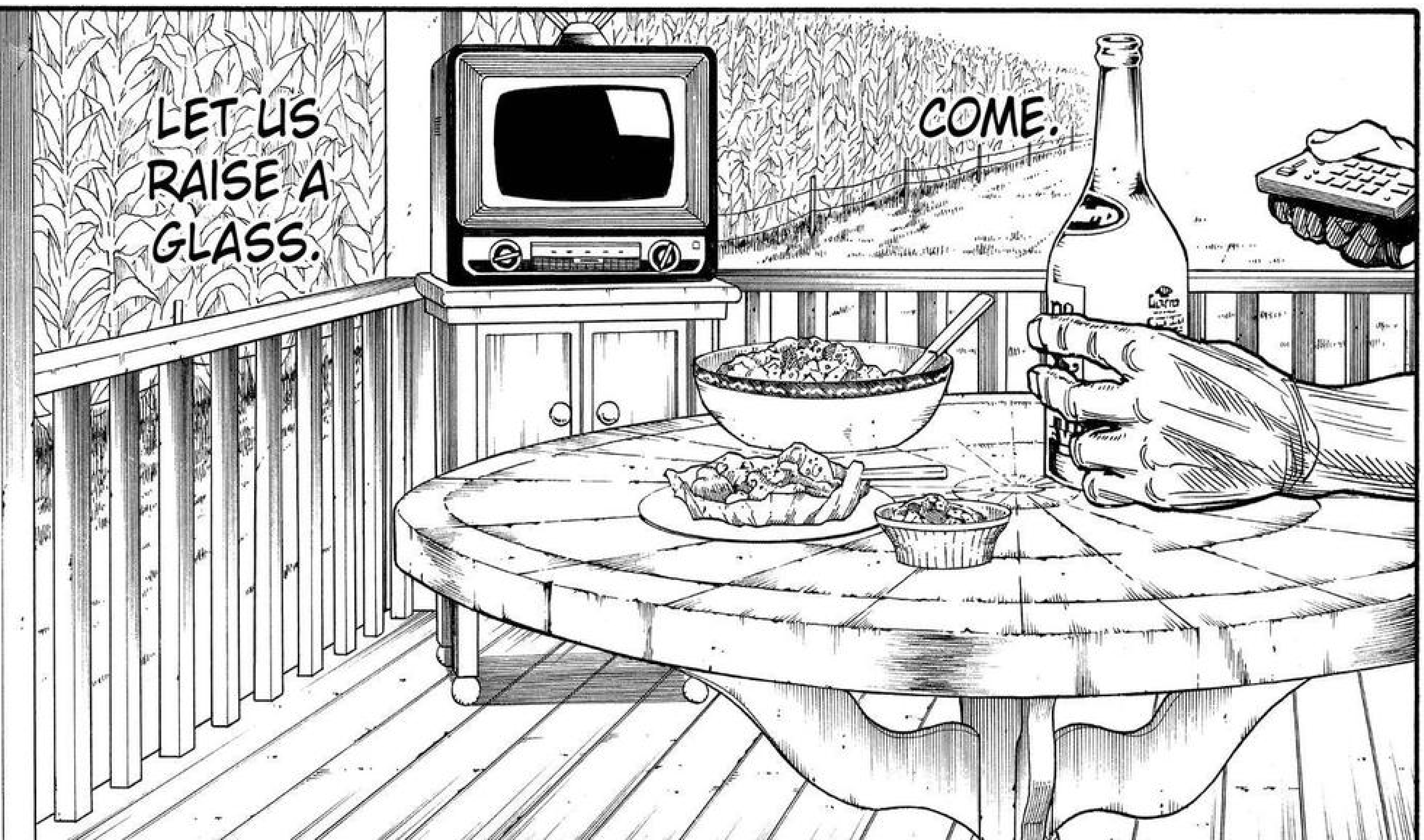
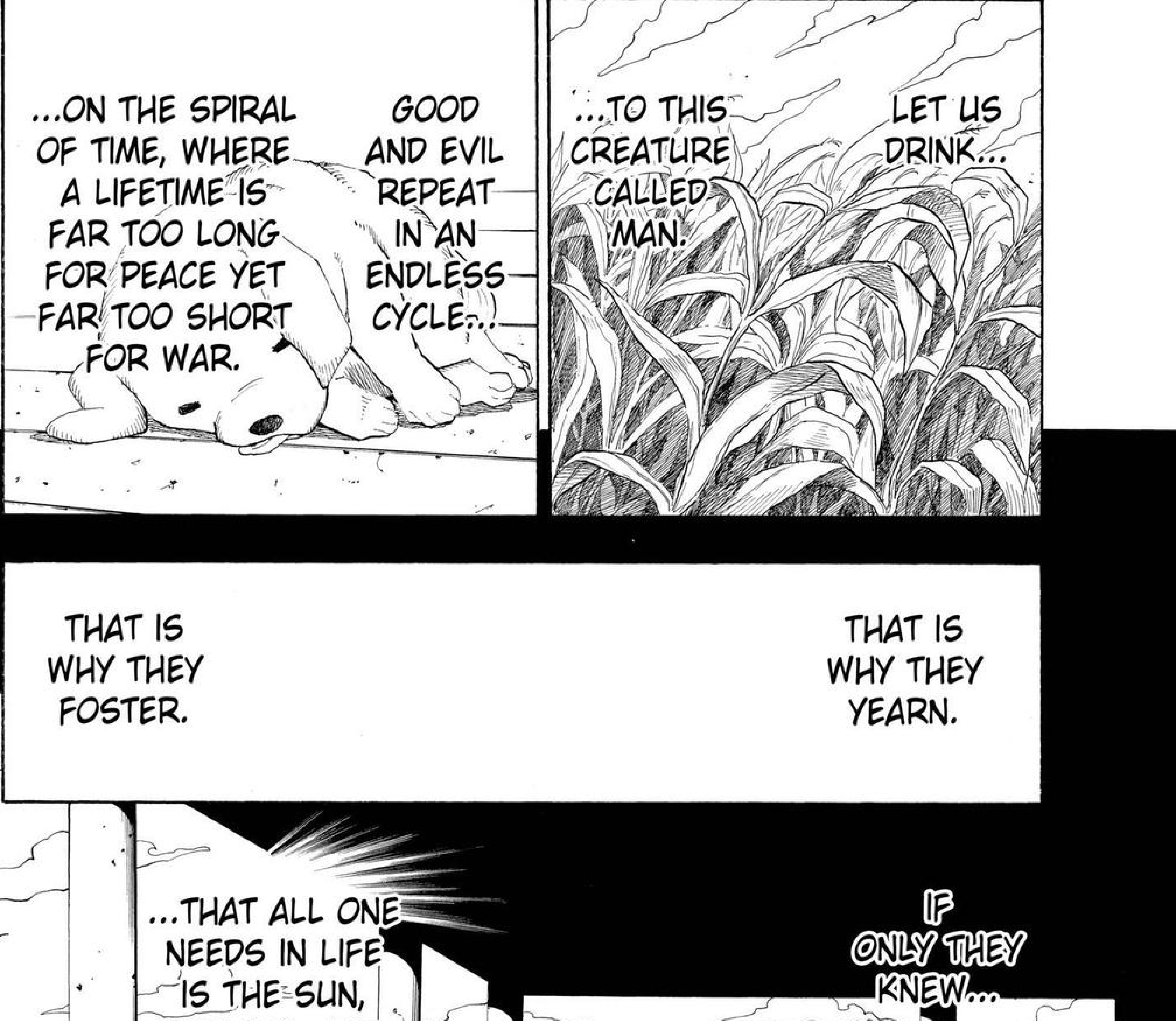

THANK YOU.
LET'S EAT.
COME EAT WITH US.
?!
HUH?
WHAT'S THIS?
WHY...
...AM I CRYING?
REINA AND BLOSTER, HOME AT LAST.

WHIR
WHIR
WHIR
WHIR
WHIR
WHIR
WHIR

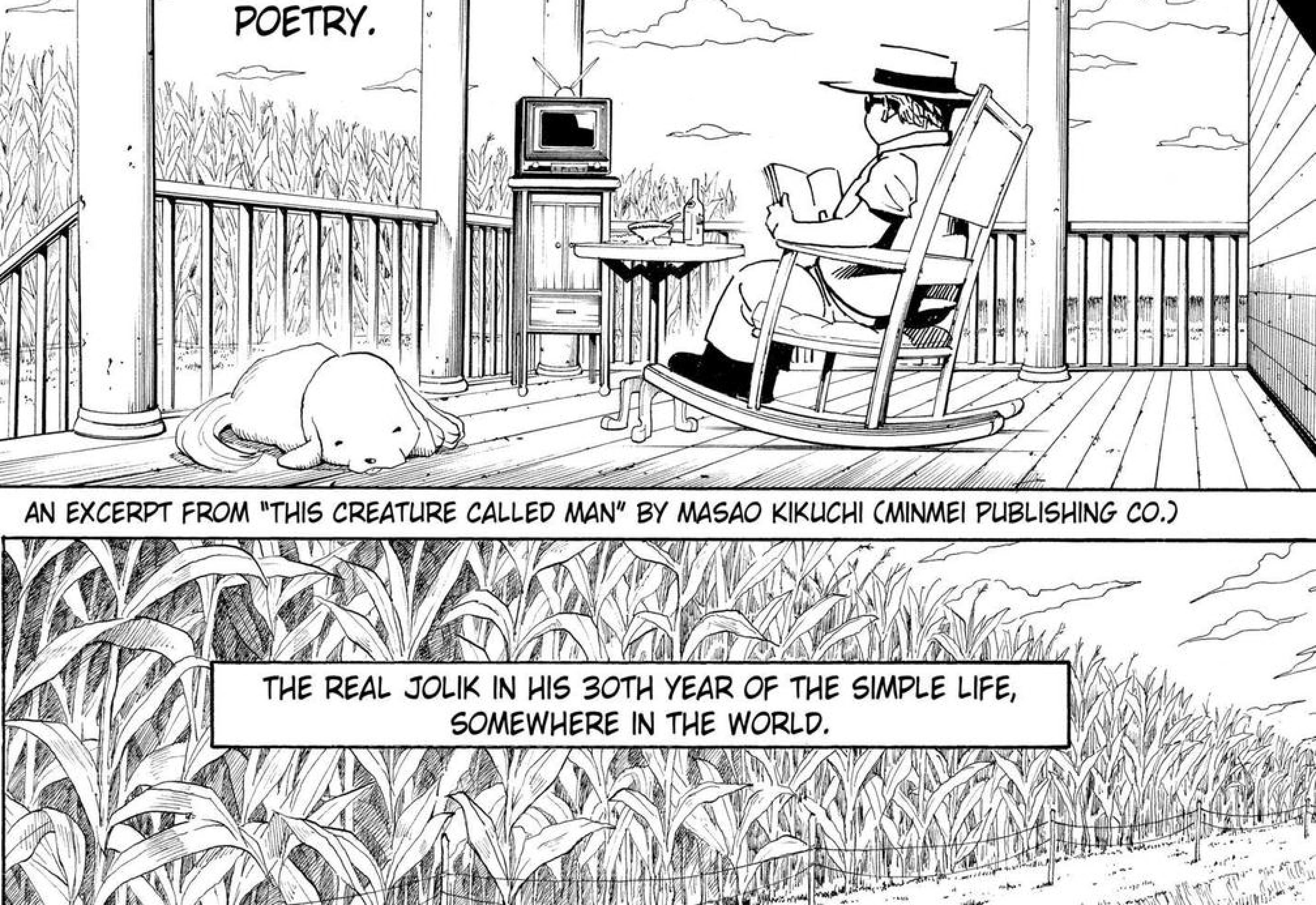

WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS TO REPORT!!
THE TRUE REASON THE DICTATOR OF EAST GORTEAU ASSEMBLED THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IN ONCE PLACE FOR A RALLY HAS BEEN REVEALED: **GENOCIDE!!**
PEOPLE HAVE REPORTED BEING DRUGGED ON-SITE.
THE ULTIMATE PLAN SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TO USE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE ROSE!!
JOLIK'S BODY HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE RUBBLE, INCREASING SPECULATION THAT THIS WAS PLANNED AS A MURDER-SUICIDE ON A NATIONAL LEVEL.
THE WHEREABOUTS OF BIZEF, SECOND IN COMMAND OF EAST GORTEAU, ARE UNKNOWN.
INFORMED SOURCES CAUTION THAT THIS COULD HAVE BEEN A MILITARY TAKEOVER!!


THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAS DISCOVERED MULTIPLE MASS GRAVE SITES!!
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT CITIZENS WERE EXECUTED AS THEY TRIED TO ESCAPE. THE ESTIMATED DEATH TOLL COULD RUN TO THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS!!
THE SITUATION IN NGL AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE MITENE UNION IS ALSO UNSETTLING!!
WE'VE RECEIVED NO RESPONSES TO OUR INQUIRES, INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR CONFIRMATION OF REFUGEES!!
DARK RUMORS HAVE LONG SWIRLED AROUND EAST GORTEAU AND NGL.
WITH THIS INCIDENT, FURTHER INVESTIGATION SEEMS INEVITABLE...


COME.
LET US RAISE A GLASS.


LET US DRINK...
...TO THIS CREATURE CALLED MAN.
GOOD AND EVIL REPEAT IN AN ENDLESS CYCLE...
...ON THE SPIRAL OF TIME, WHERE A LIFETIME IS FAR TOO LONG FOR PEACE YET FAR TOO SHORT FOR WAR.
THAT IS WHY THEY YEARN.
THAT IS WHY THEY FOSTER.
IF ONLY THEY KNEW...
...THAT ALL ONE NEEDS IN LIFE IS THE SUN, THE SOIL AND POETRY.

AN EXCERPT FROM "THIS CREATURE CALLED MAN" BY MASAO KIKUCHI (MINMEI PUBLISHING CO.)


THE REAL JOLIK IN HIS 30TH YEAR OF THE SIMPLE LIFE, SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

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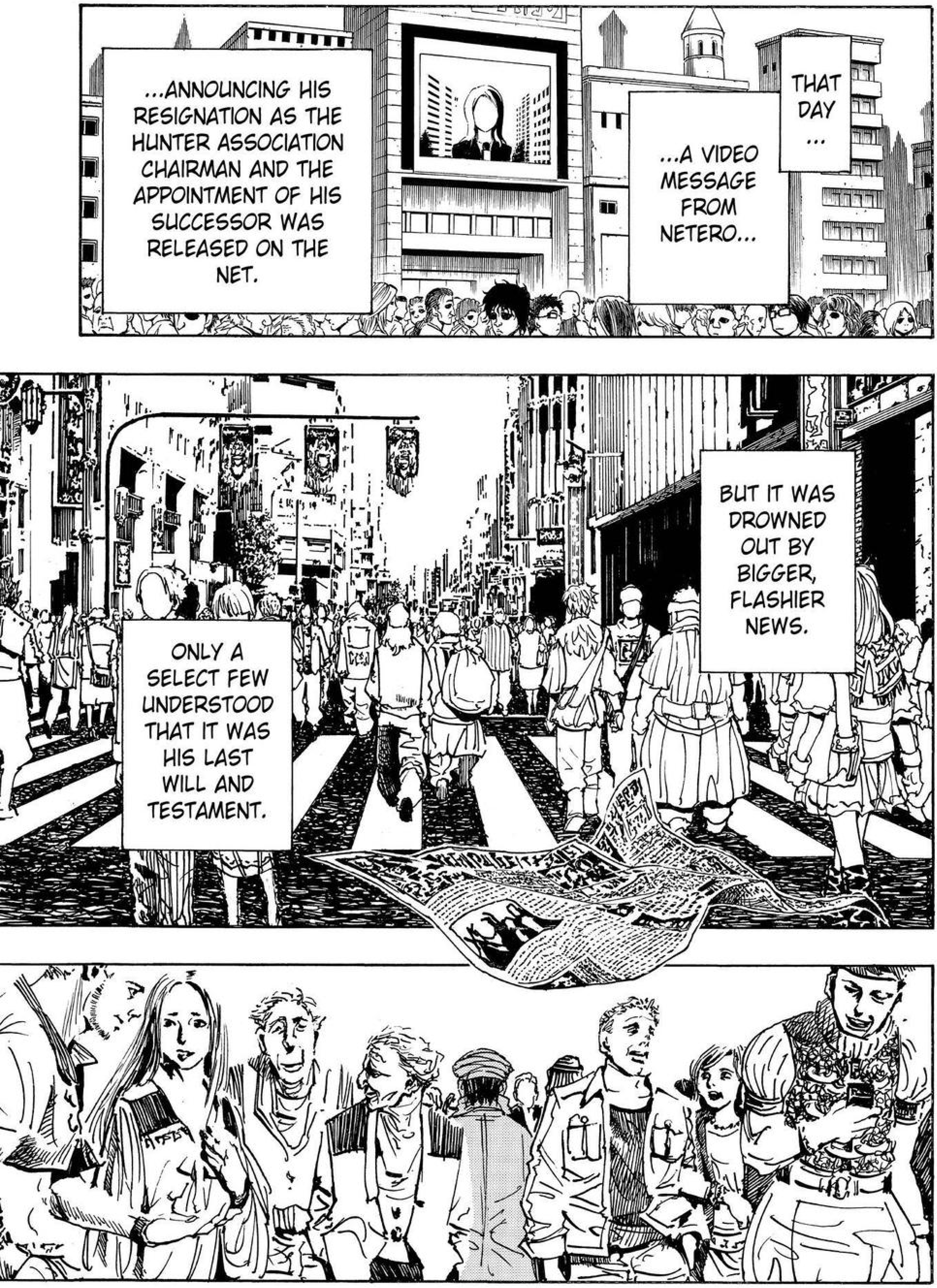
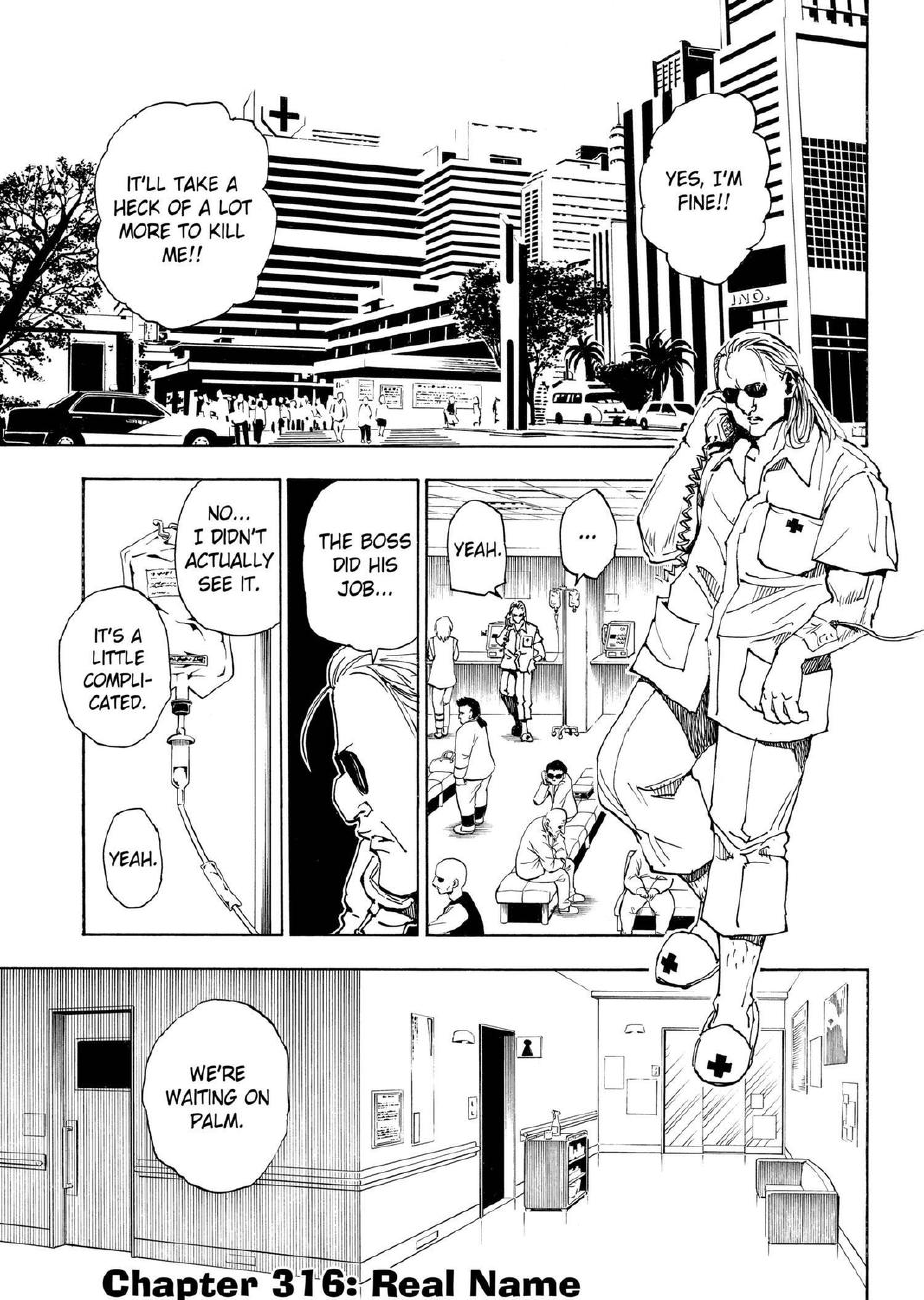

THAT DAY ...
...A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM NETERO...
...ANNOUNCING HIS RESIGNATION AS THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN AND THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS SUCCESSOR WAS RELEASED ON THE NET.
BUT IT WAS DROWNED OUT BY BIGGER, FLASHIER NEWS.
ONLY A SELECT FEW UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.


YES, I'M FINE!!
IT'LL TAKE A HECK OF A LOT MORE TO KILL ME!!
INO.
...
YEAH.
THE BOSS DID HIS JOB...
NO... I DIDN'T ACTUALLY SEE IT.
IT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED.
YEAH.
WE'RE WAITING ON PALM.

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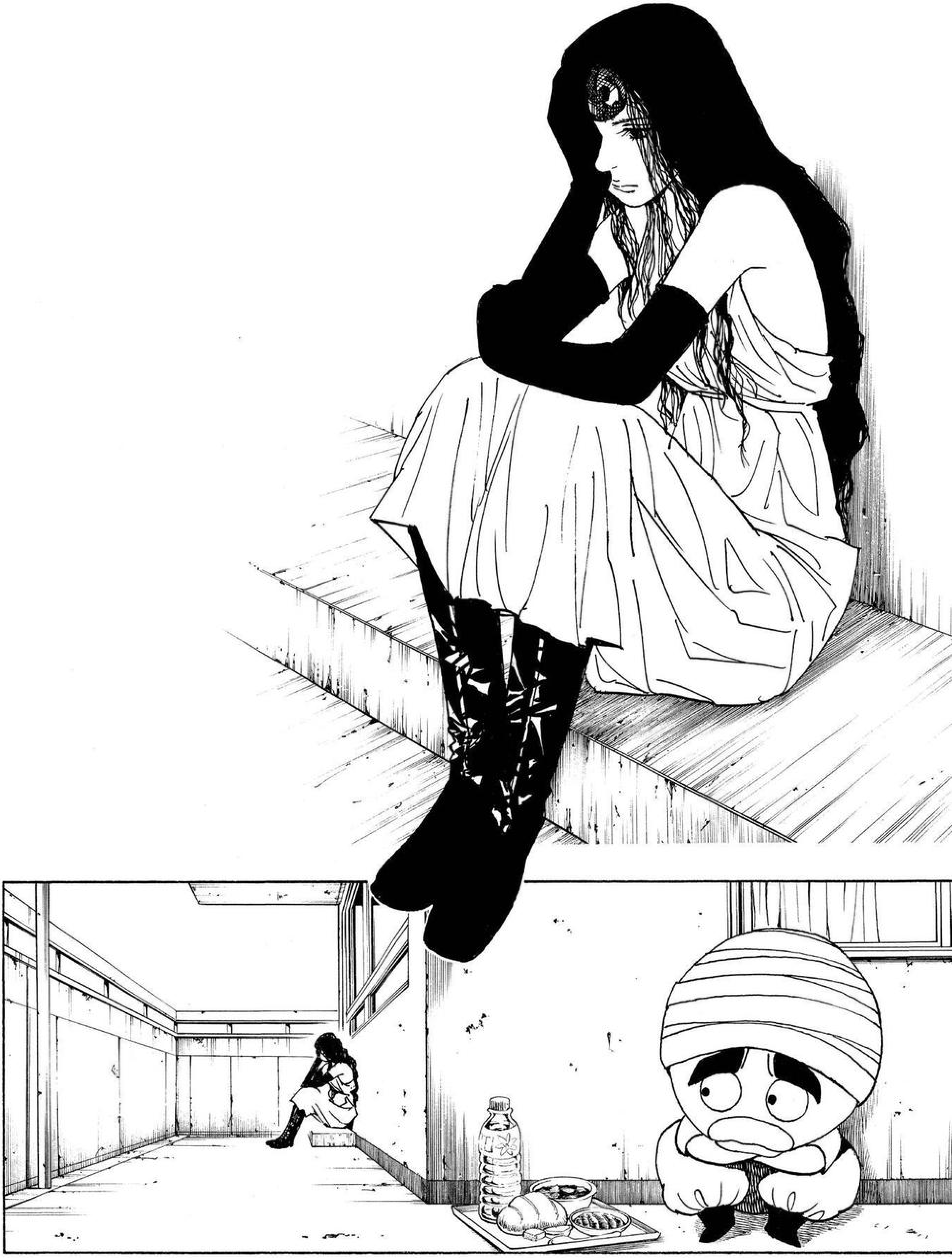
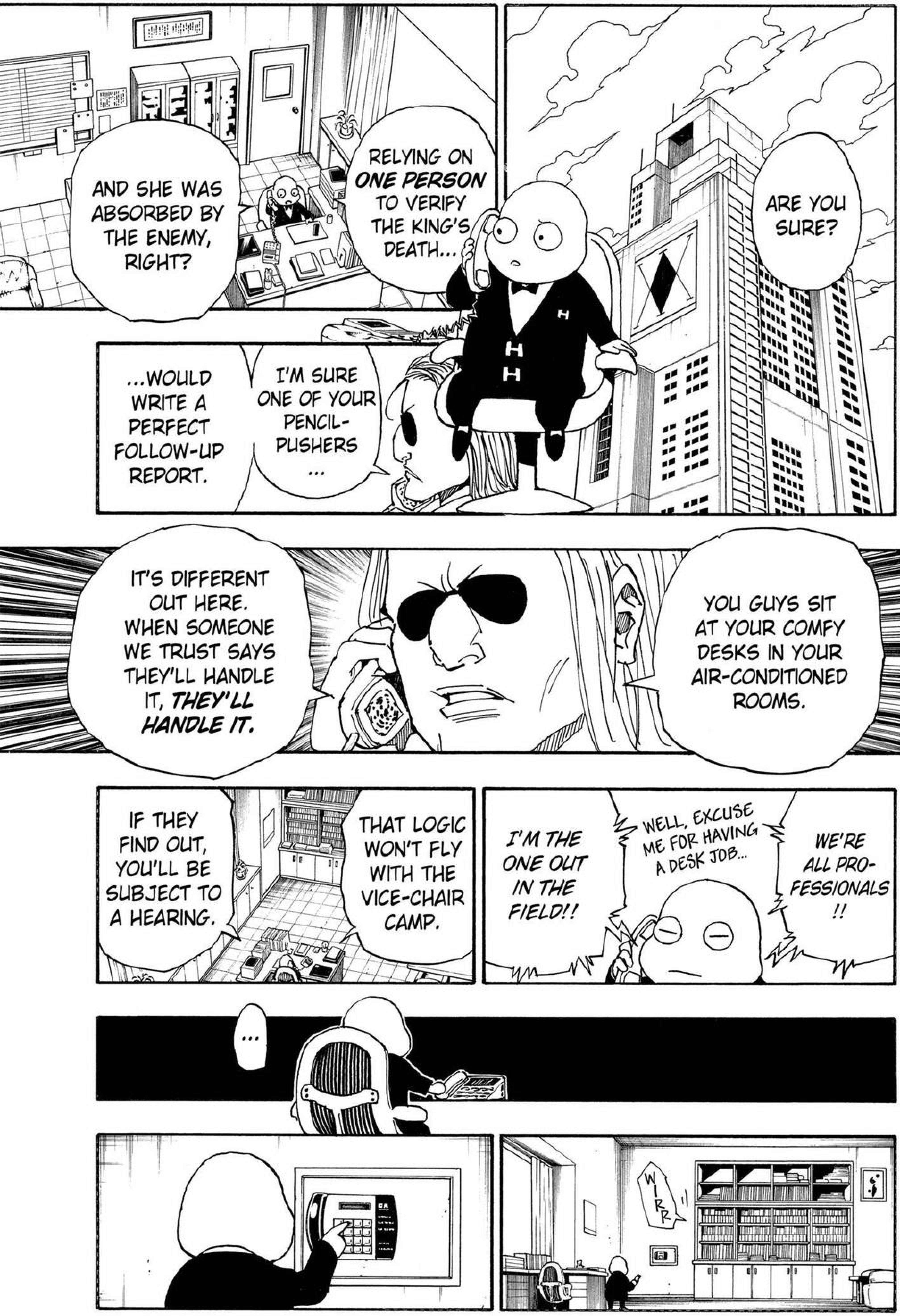
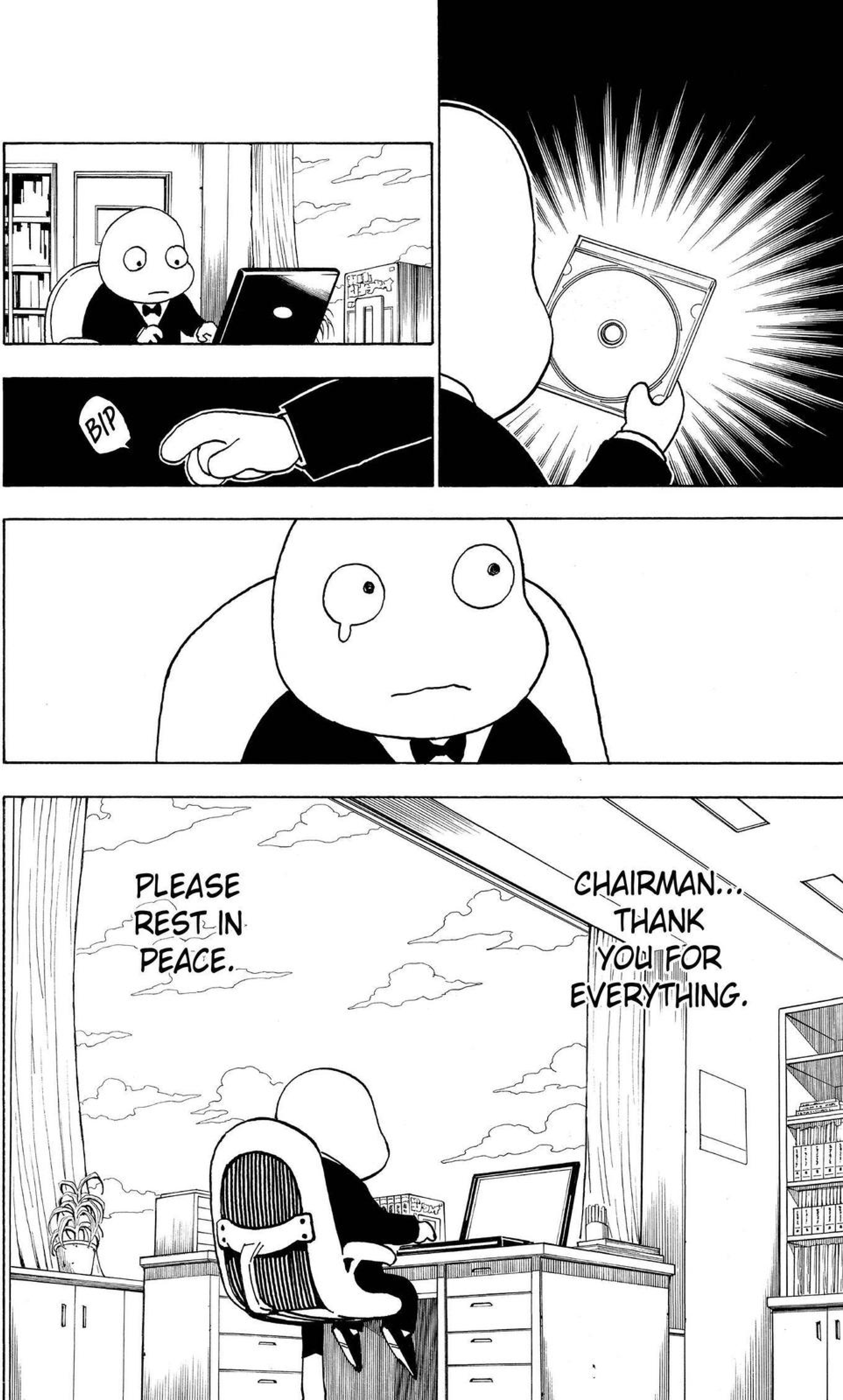
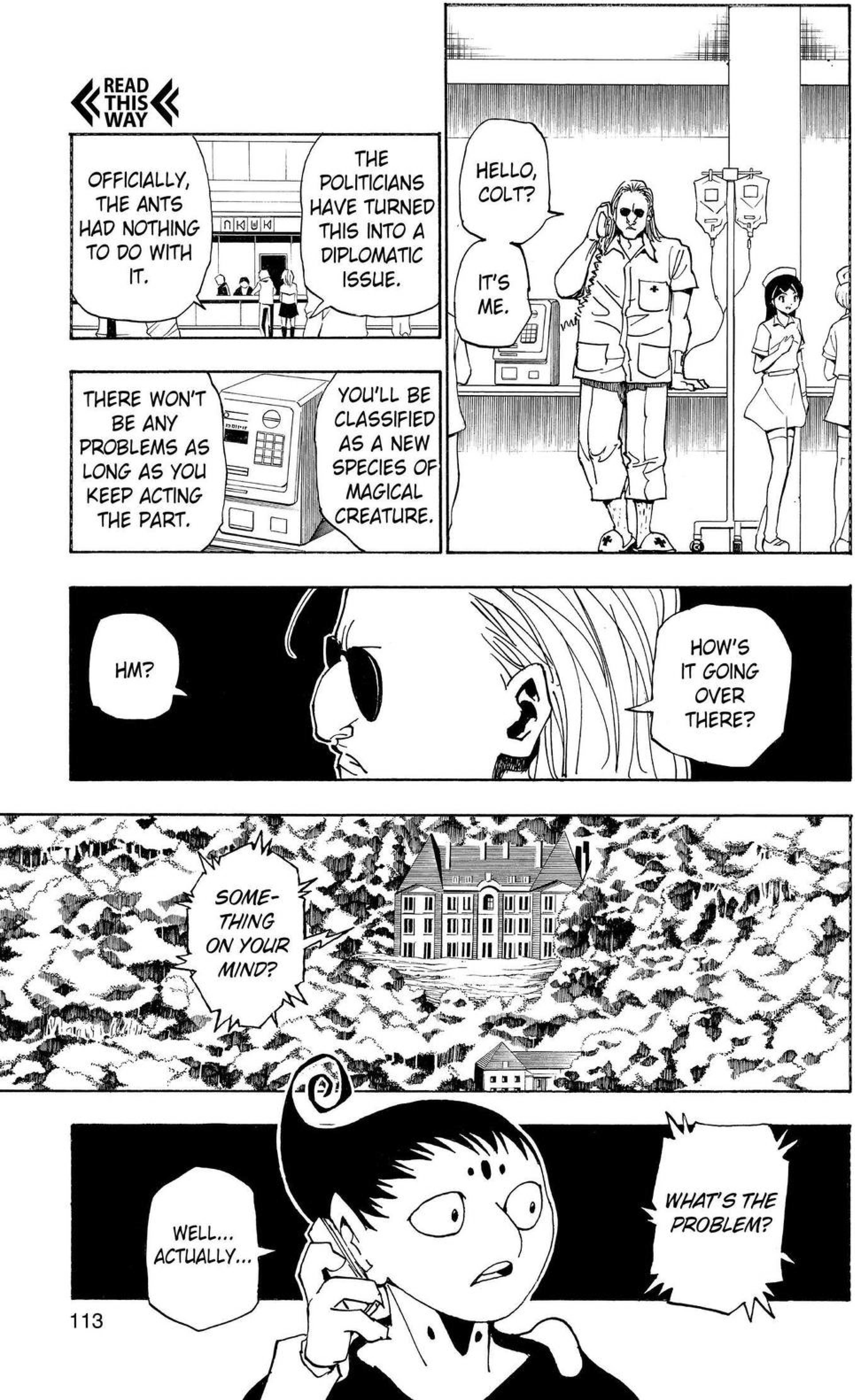
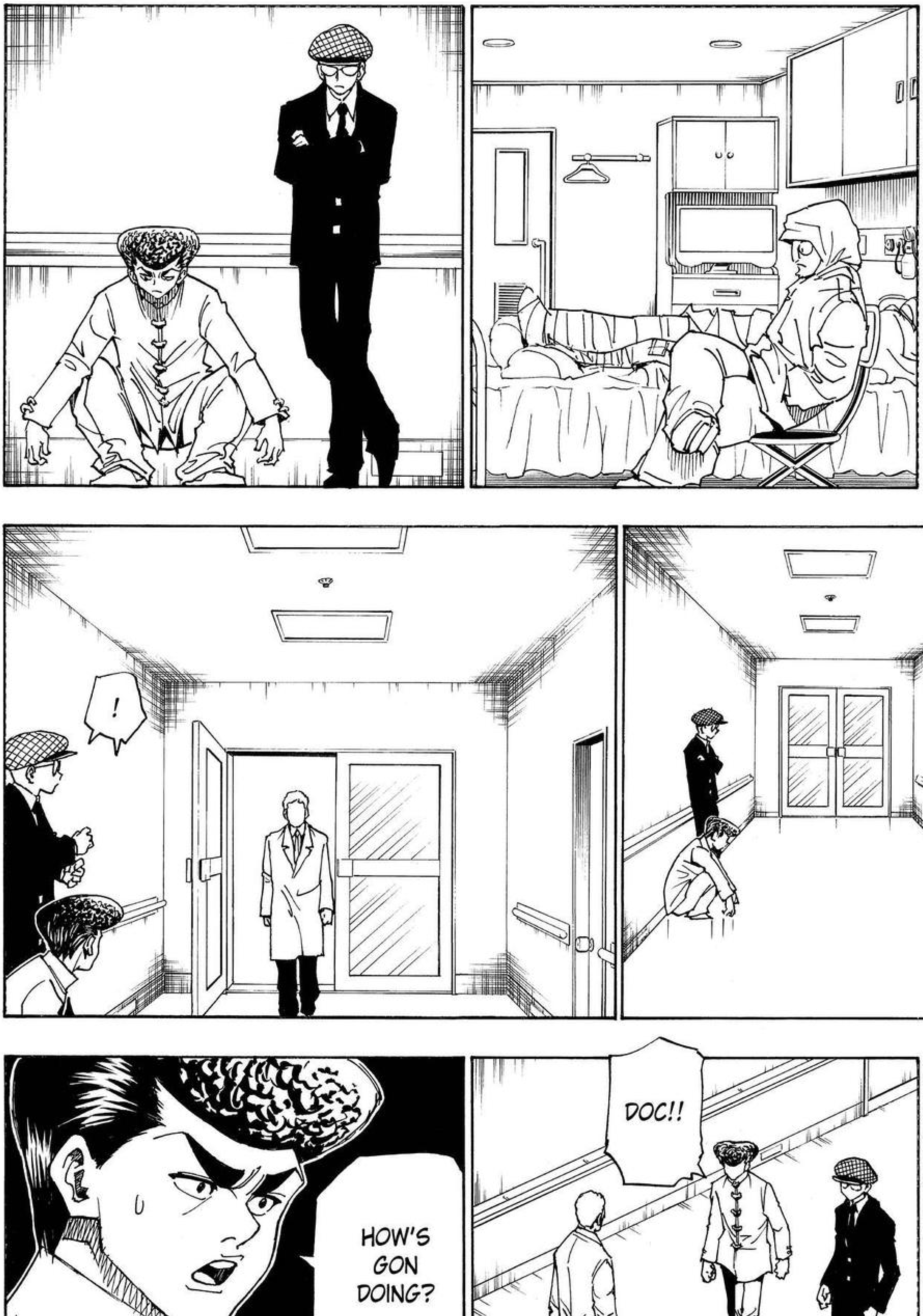


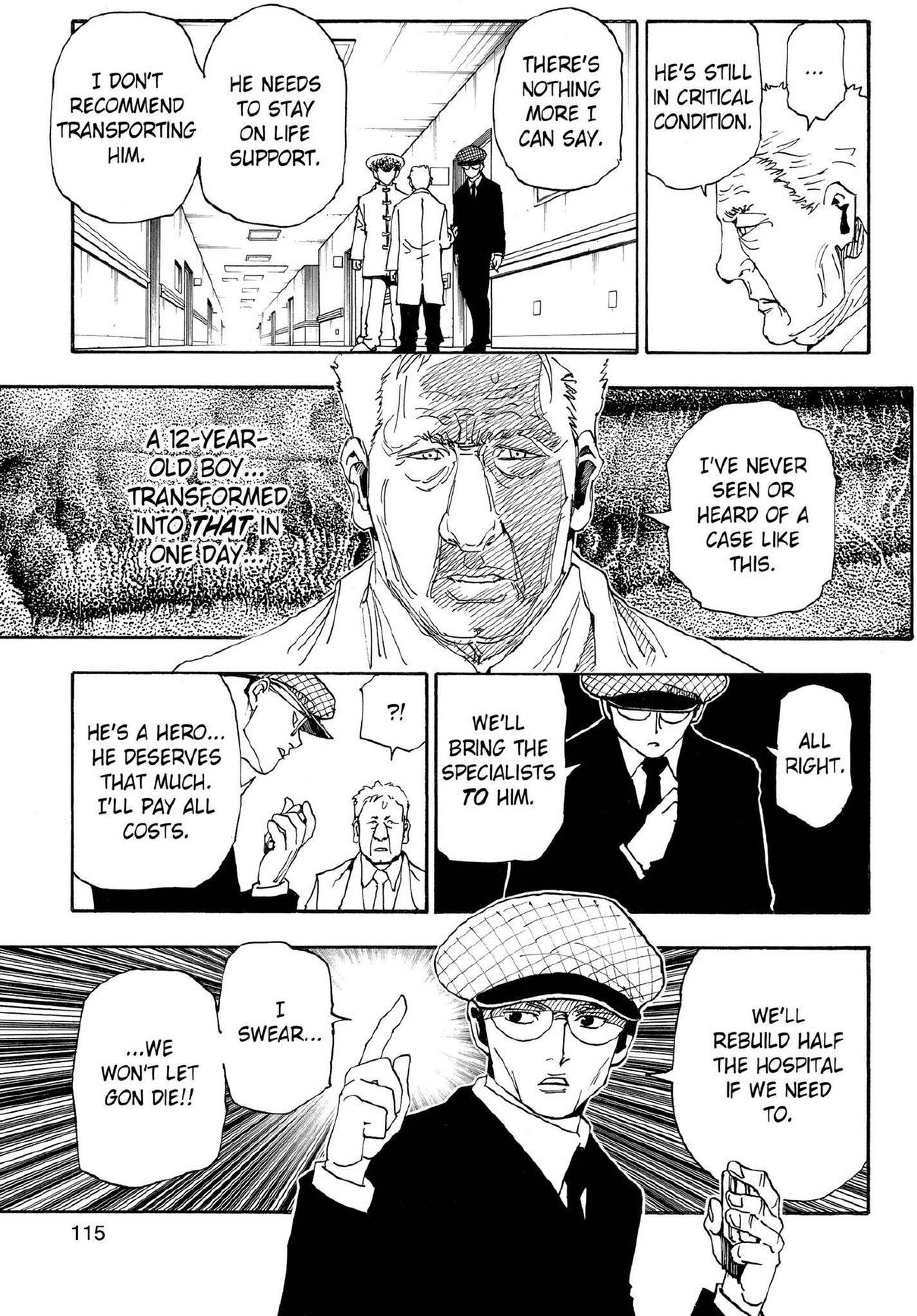

ARE YOU SURE?
RELYING ON *ONE PERSON* TO VERIFY THE KING'S DEATH...
AND SHE WAS ABSORBED BY THE ENEMY, RIGHT?
I'M SURE ONE OF YOUR PENCIL-PUSHERS ...
...WOULD WRITE A PERFECT FOLLOW-UP REPORT.
YOU GUYS SIT AT YOUR COMFY DESKS IN YOUR AIR-CONDITIONED ROOMS.
IT'S DIFFERENT OUT HERE. WHEN SOMEONE WE TRUST SAYS THEY'LL HANDLE IT, *THEY'LL HANDLE IT.*
WE'RE ALL PROFESSIONALS!!
WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR HAVING A DESK JOB...
I'M THE ONE OUT IN THE FIELD!!
THAT LOGIC WON'T FLY WITH THE VICE-CHAIR CAMP.
IF THEY FIND OUT, YOU'LL BE SUBJECT TO A HEARING.
...
WIRR

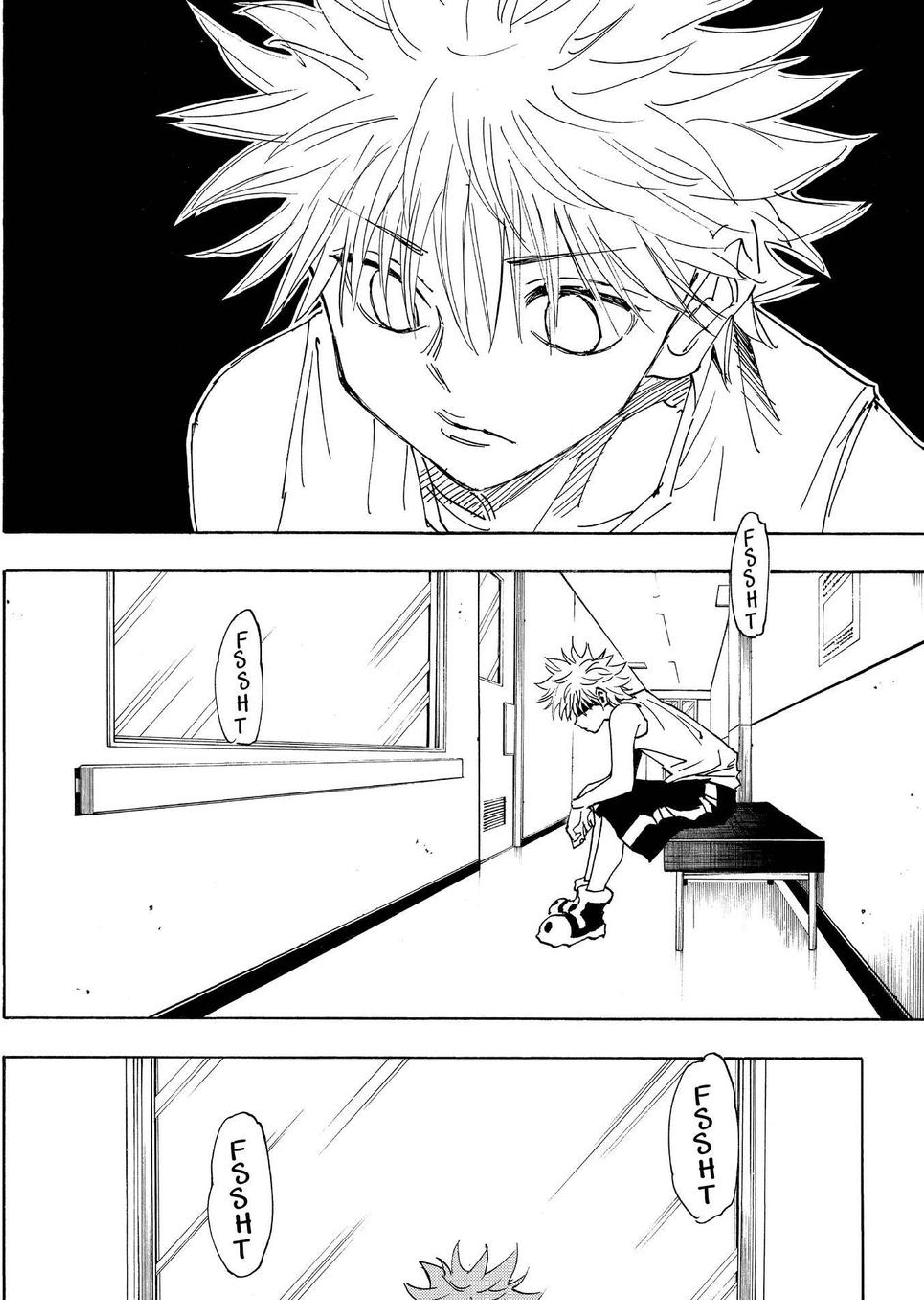

BIP
CHAIRMAN... THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.
PLEASE REST IN PEACE.

READ THIS WAY


HELLO, COLT?
IT'S ME.
THE POLITICIANS HAVE TURNED THIS INTO A DIPLOMATIC ISSUE.
OFFICIALLY, THE ANTS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
YOU'LL BE CLASSIFIED AS A NEW SPECIES OF MAGICAL CREATURE.
THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS AS LONG AS YOU KEEP ACTING THE PART.
HOW'S IT GOING OVER THERE?
HM?
SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
WELL... ACTUALLY...


!
DOC!!
HOW'S GON DOING?


...
HE'S STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION.
THERE'S NOTHING MORE I CAN SAY.
HE NEEDS TO STAY ON LIFE SUPPORT.
I DON'T RECOMMEND TRANSPORTING HIM.
I'VE NEVER SEEN OR HEARD OF A CASE LIKE THIS.
A 12-YEAR-OLD BOY... TRANSFORMED INTO *THAT* IN ONE DAY...
ALL RIGHT.
WE'LL BRING THE SPECIALISTS *TO* HIM.
?!
HE'S A HERO... HE DESERVES THAT MUCH. I'LL PAY ALL COSTS.
WE'LL REBUILD HALF THE HOSPITAL IF WE NEED TO.
I SWEAR...
...WE WON'T LET GON DIE!!


FSSHT
FSSHT
FSSHT
FSSHT

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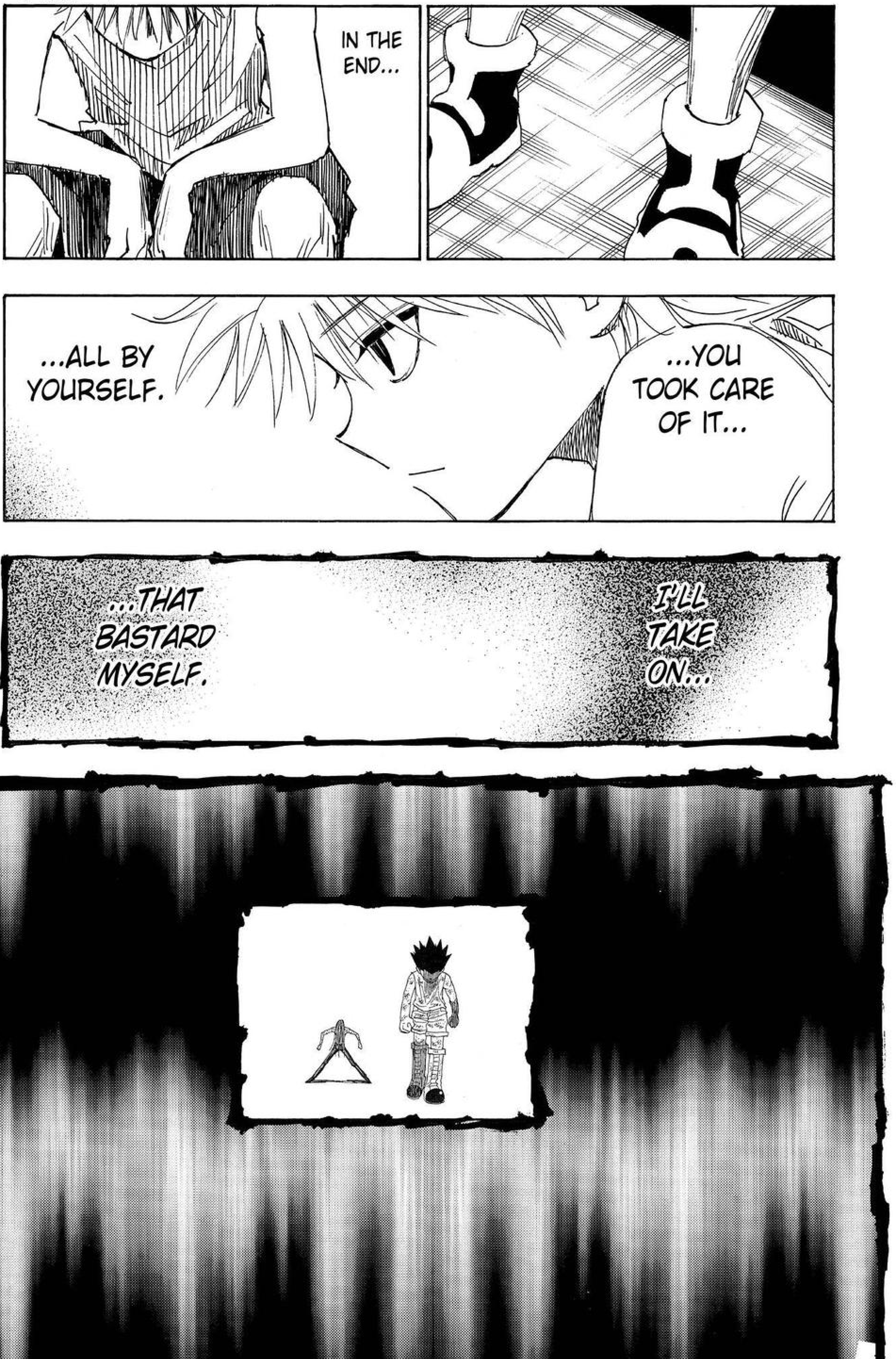
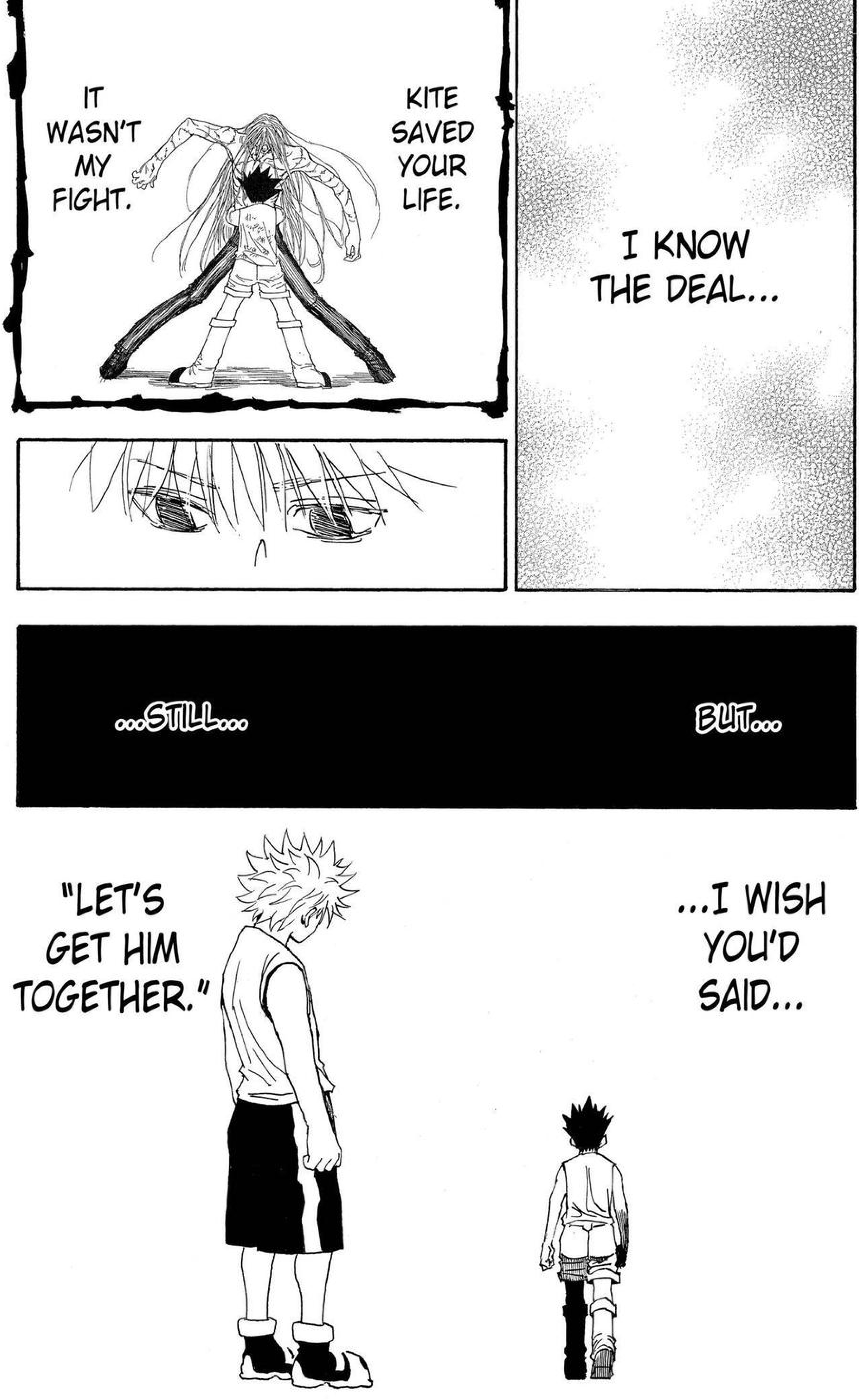
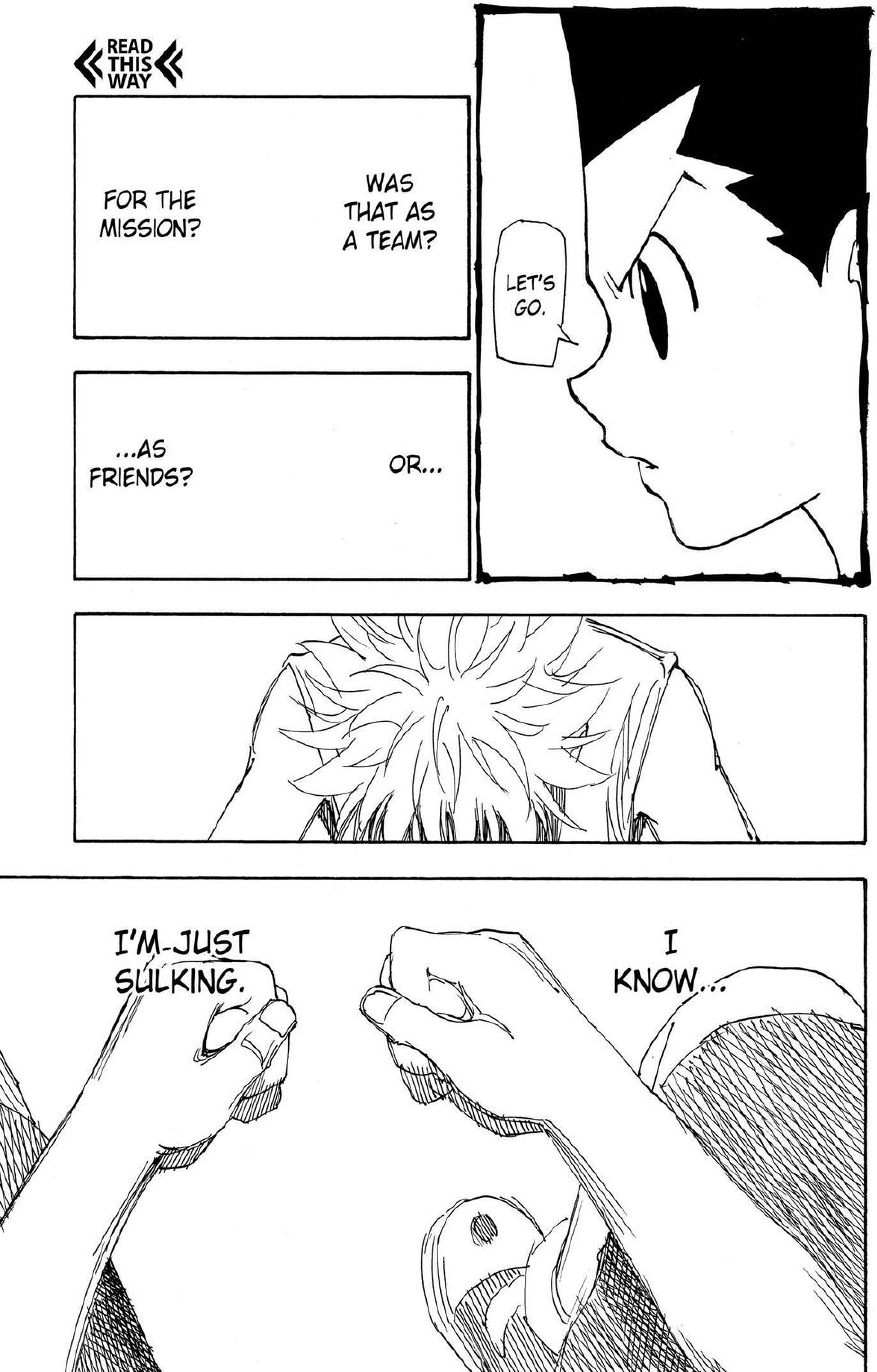
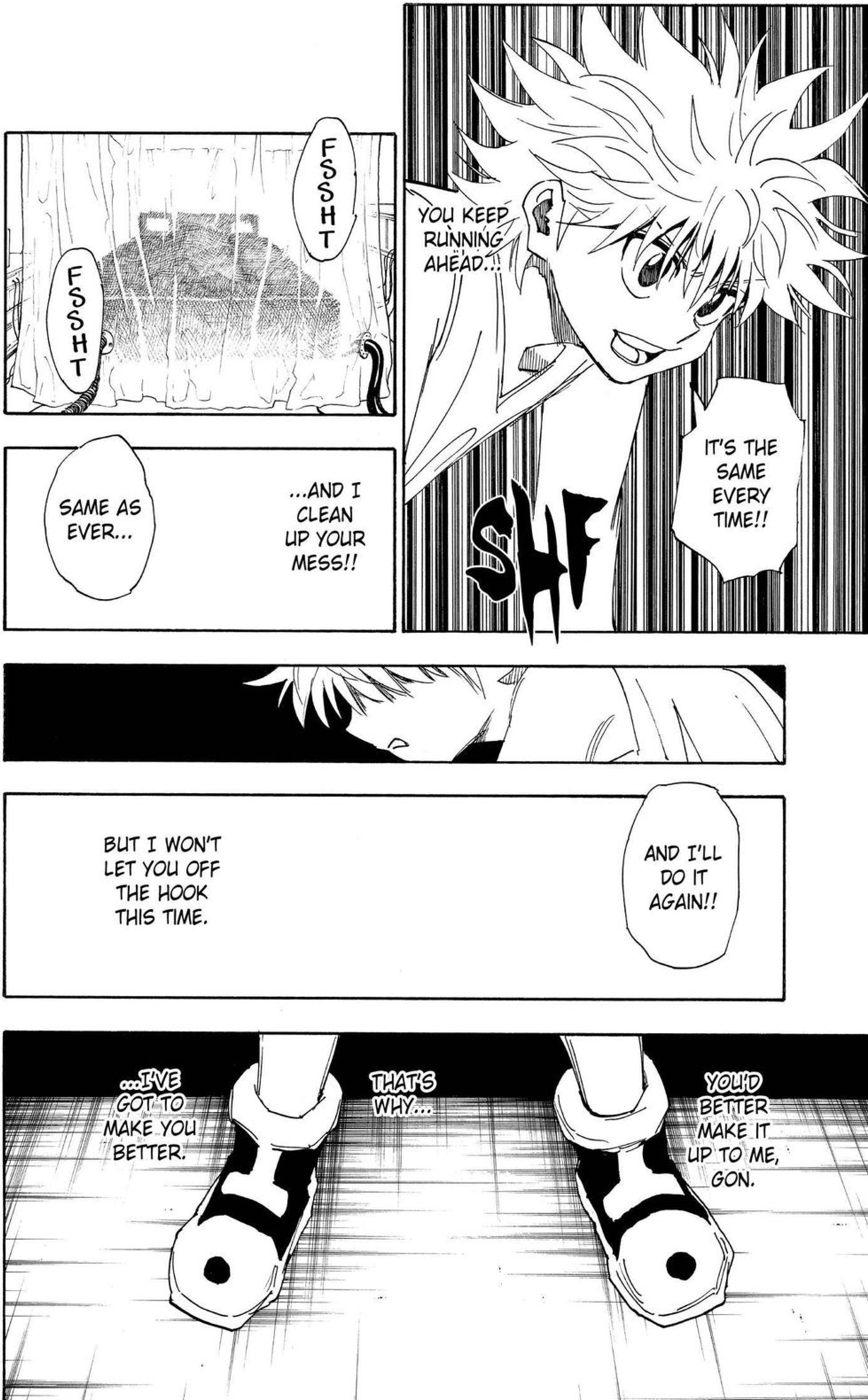
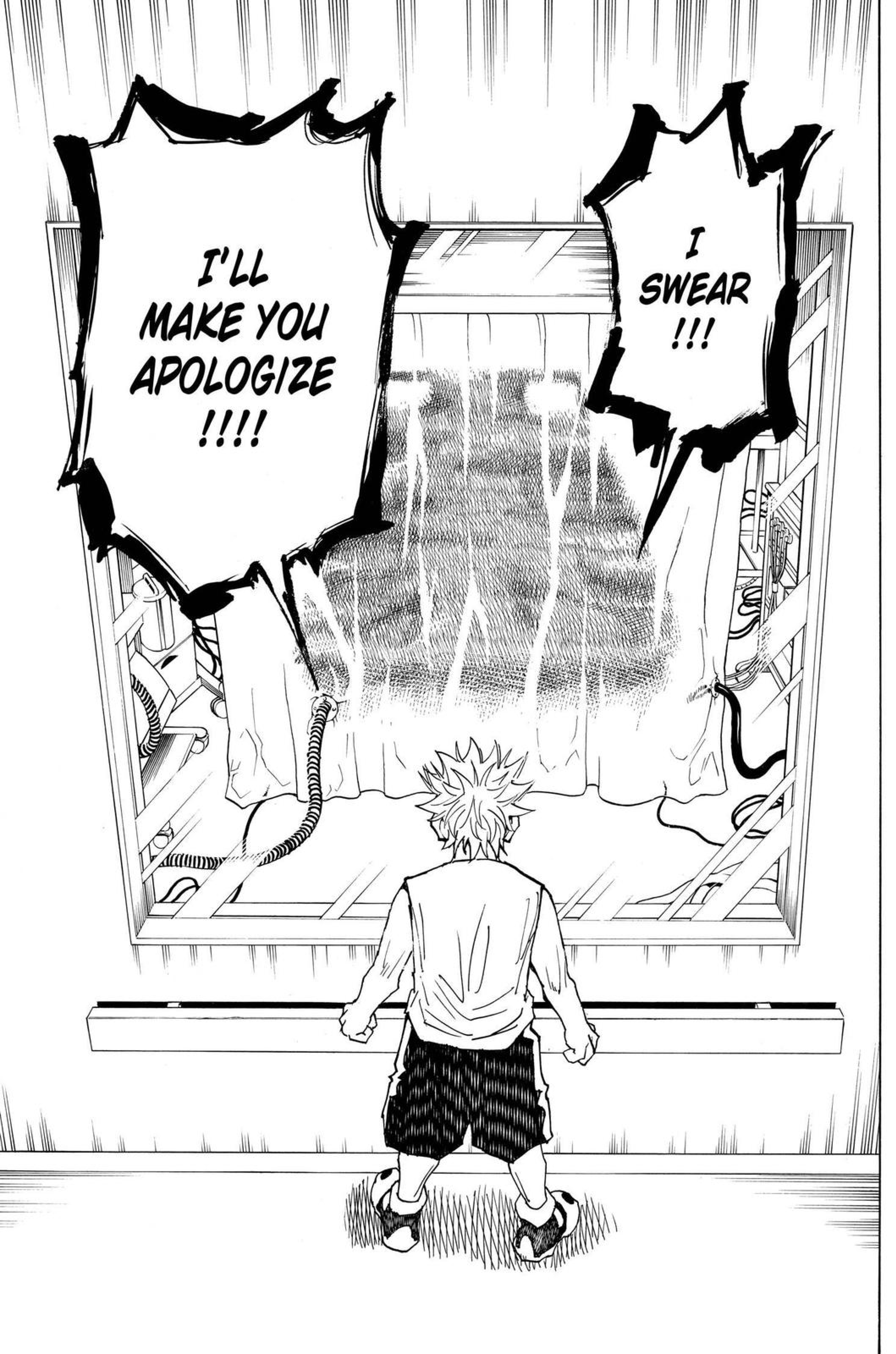

IN THE END...
...YOU TOOK CARE OF IT...
...ALL BY YOURSELF.
I'LL TAKE ON...
...THAT BASTARD MYSELF.

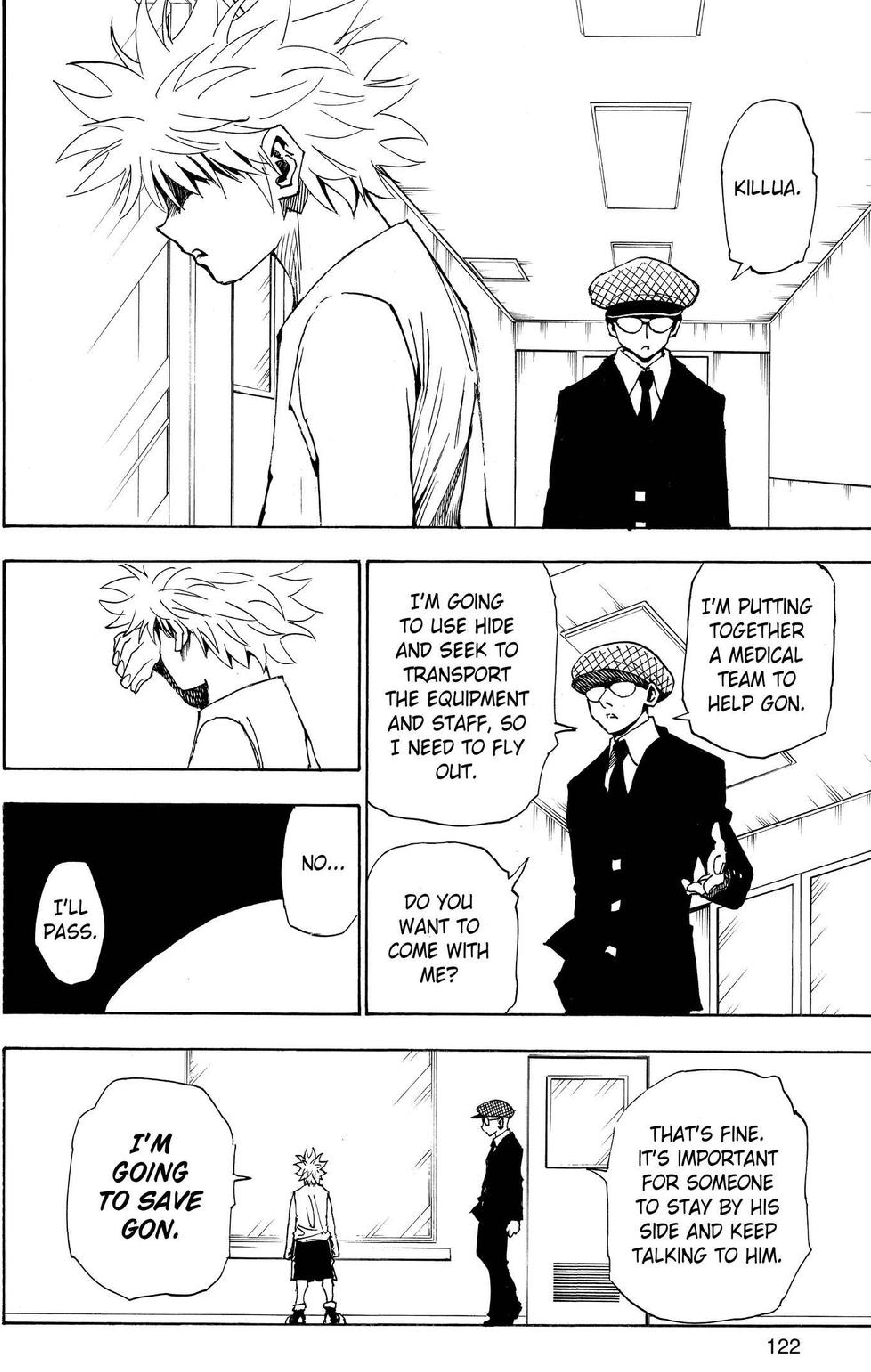

KITE SAVED YOUR LIFE.
IT WASN'T MY FIGHT.
I KNOW THE DEAL...
BUT...
...STILL...
...I WISH YOU'D SAID...
"LET'S GET HIM TOGETHER."

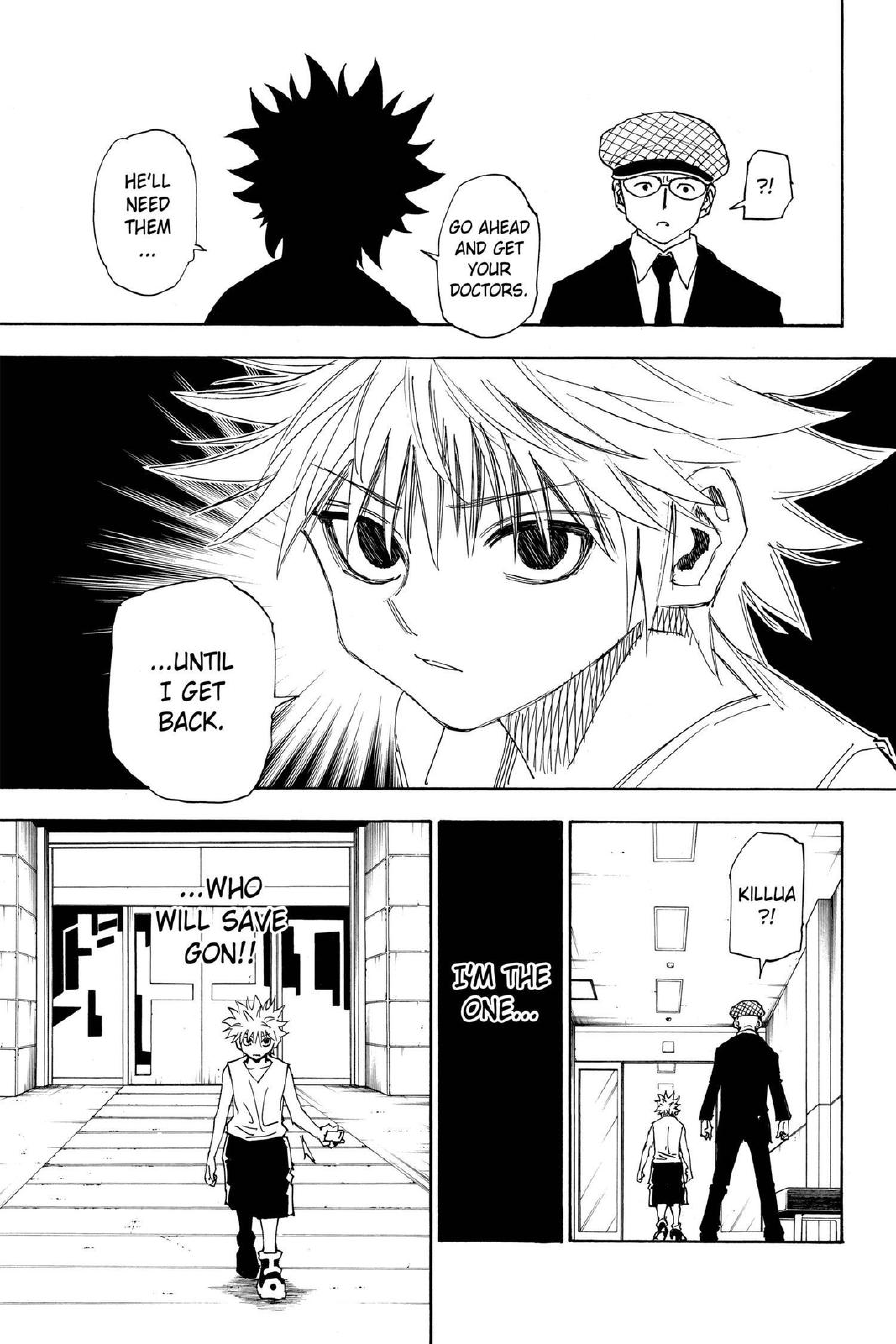
READ THIS WAY

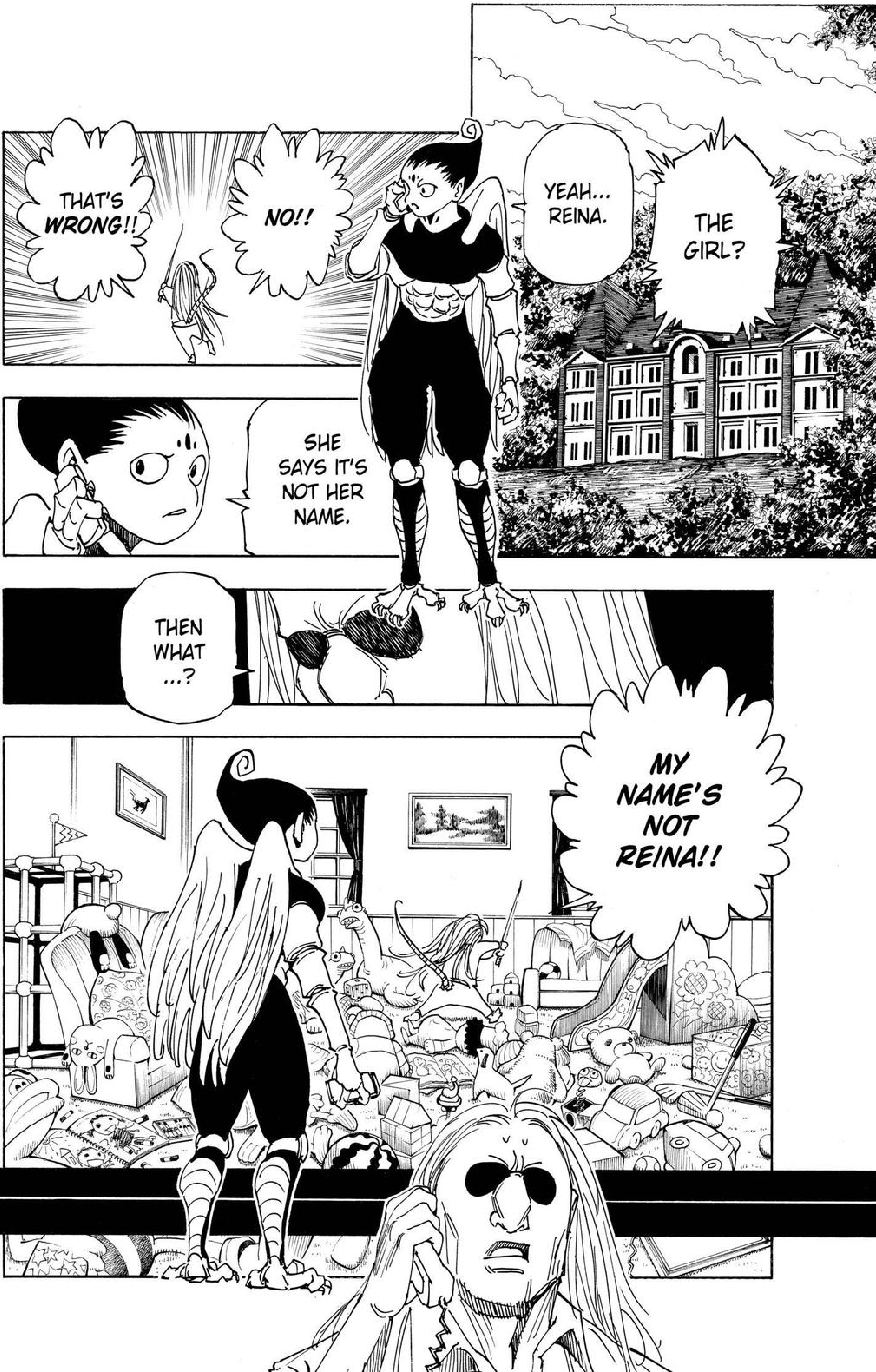

LET'S GO.
WAS THAT AS A TEAM?
FOR THE MISSION?
OR...
...AS FRIENDS?
I KNOW...
I'M-JUST SULKING.

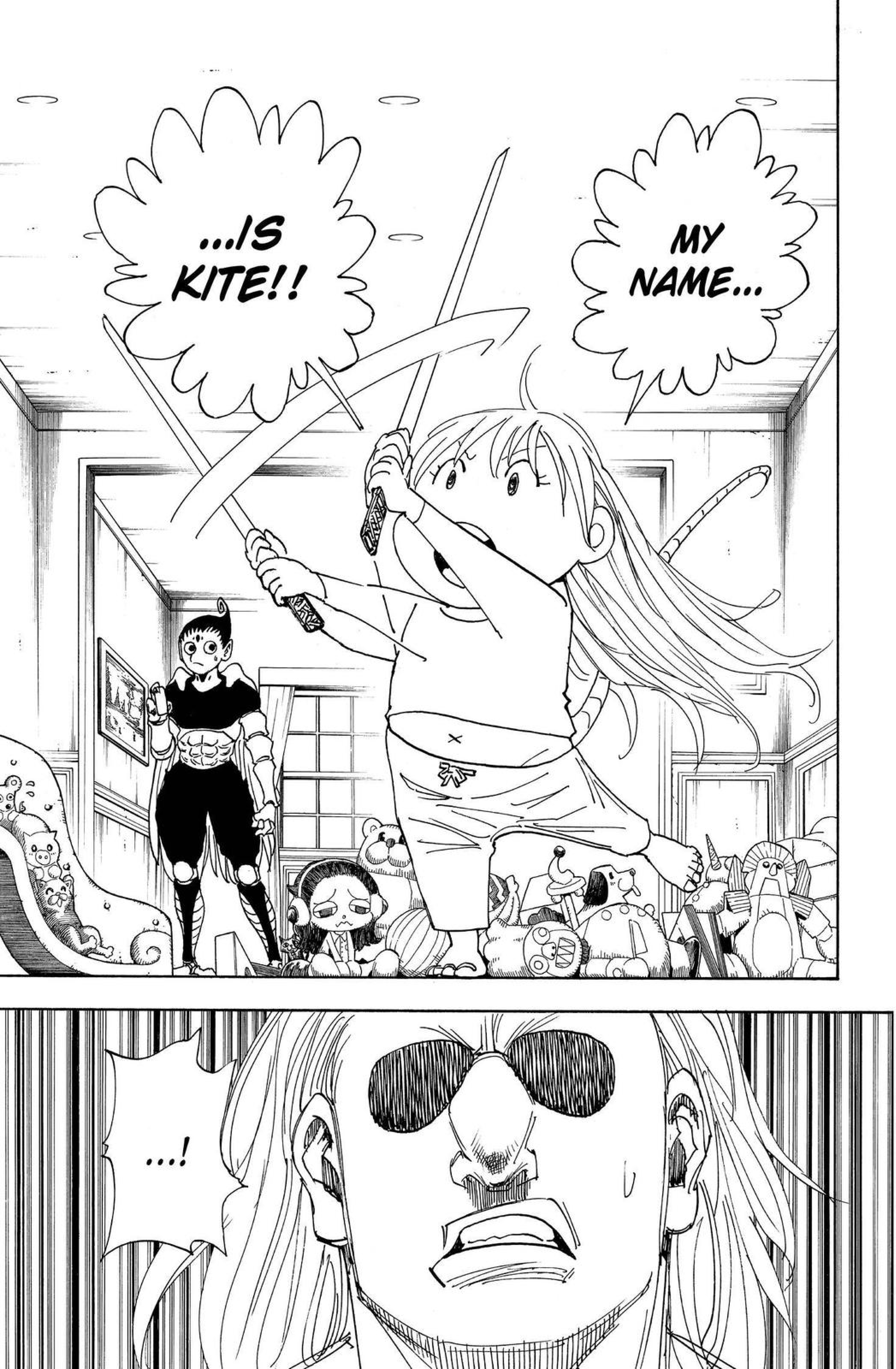

YOU KEEP RUNNING AHEAD...!
SHF
IT'S THE SAME EVERY TIME!!
FSSHT
FSSHT
...AND I CLEAN UP YOUR MESS!!
SAME AS EVER...
AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN!!
BUT I WON'T LET YOU OFF THE HOOK THIS TIME.
YOU'D BETTER MAKE IT UP TO ME, GON.
THAT'S WHY...
...I'VE GOT TO MAKE YOU BETTER.

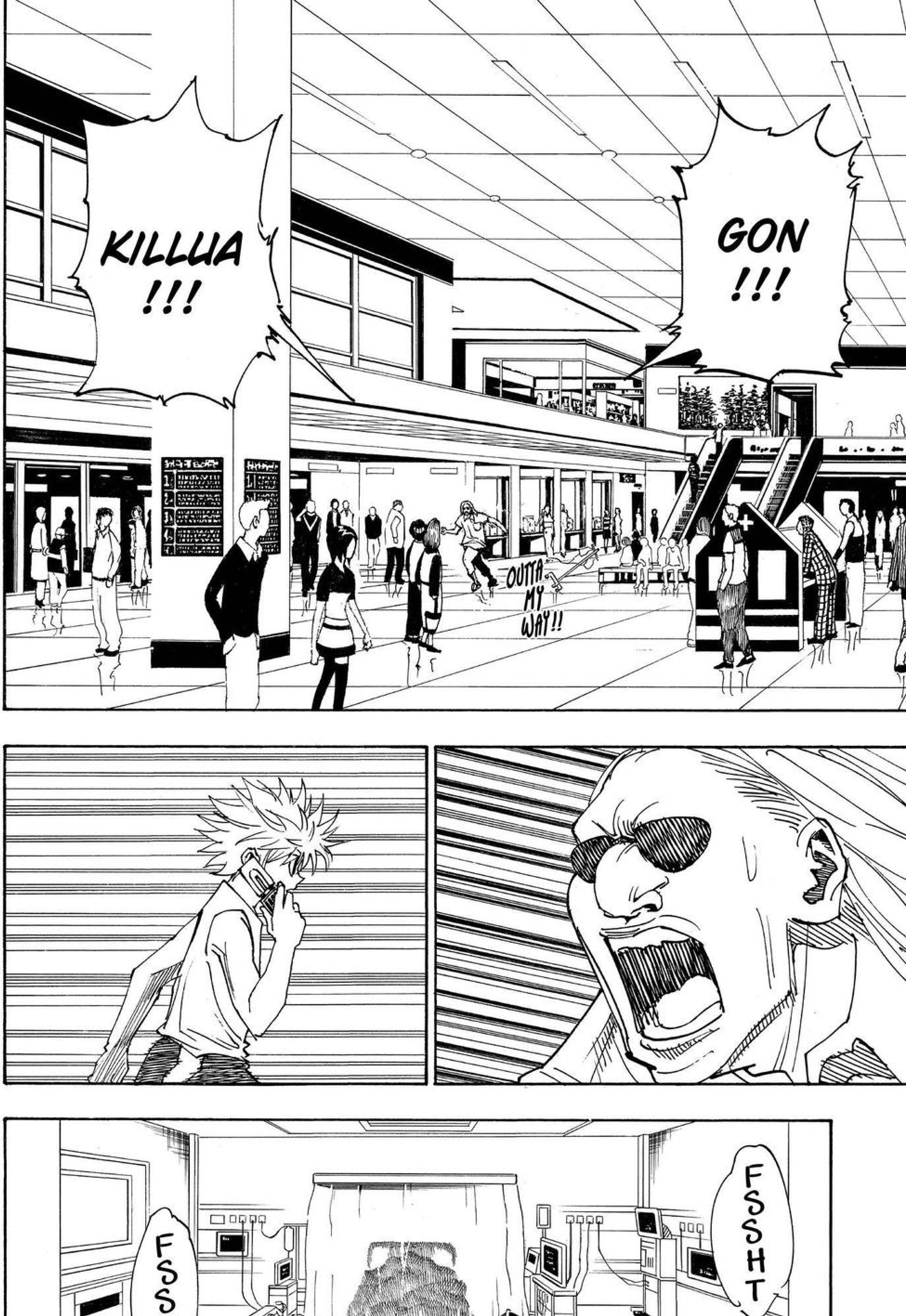

I SWEAR !!!
I'LL MAKE YOU APOLOGIZE !!!!

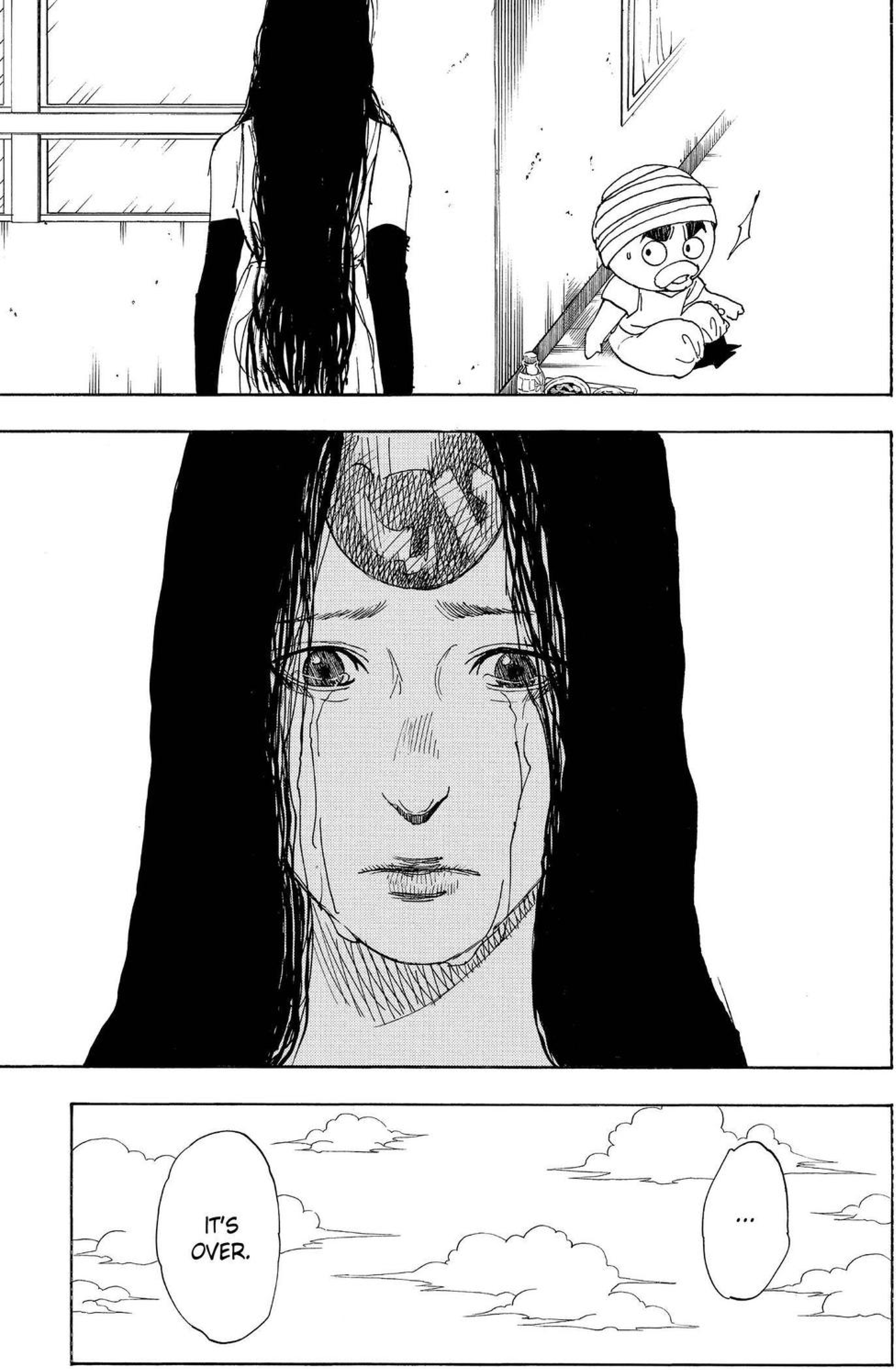

KILLUA.
I'M PUTTING TOGETHER A MEDICAL TEAM TO HELP GON.
I'M GOING TO USE HIDE AND SEEK TO TRANSPORT THE EQUIPMENT AND STAFF, SO I NEED TO FLY OUT.
DO YOU WANT TO COME WITH ME?
NO...
I'LL PASS.
THAT'S FINE. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR SOMEONE TO STAY BY HIS SIDE AND KEEP TALKING TO HIM.
I'M GOING TO SAVE GON.

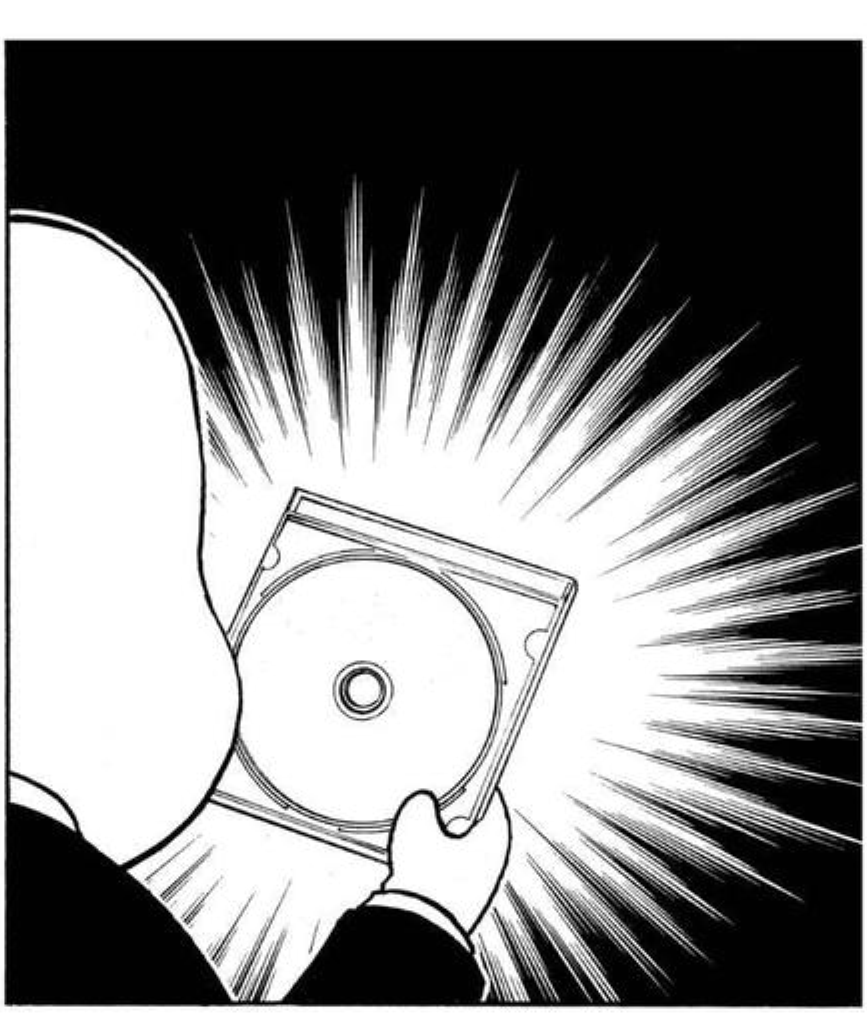

?!
GO AHEAD AND GET YOUR DOCTORS.
HE'LL NEED THEM ...
...UNTIL I GET BACK.
KILLUA ?!
I'M THE ONE...
...WHO WILL SAVE GON!!


THE GIRL?
YEAH... REINA.
NO!!
THAT'S WRONG!!
SHE SAYS IT'S NOT HER NAME.
THEN WHAT ...?
MY NAME'S NOT REINA!!


MY NAME...
...IS KITE!!
...!


GON!!!
KILLUA!!!
OUTTA MY WAY!!
FSSHT
FSSHT


…
IT'S OVER.



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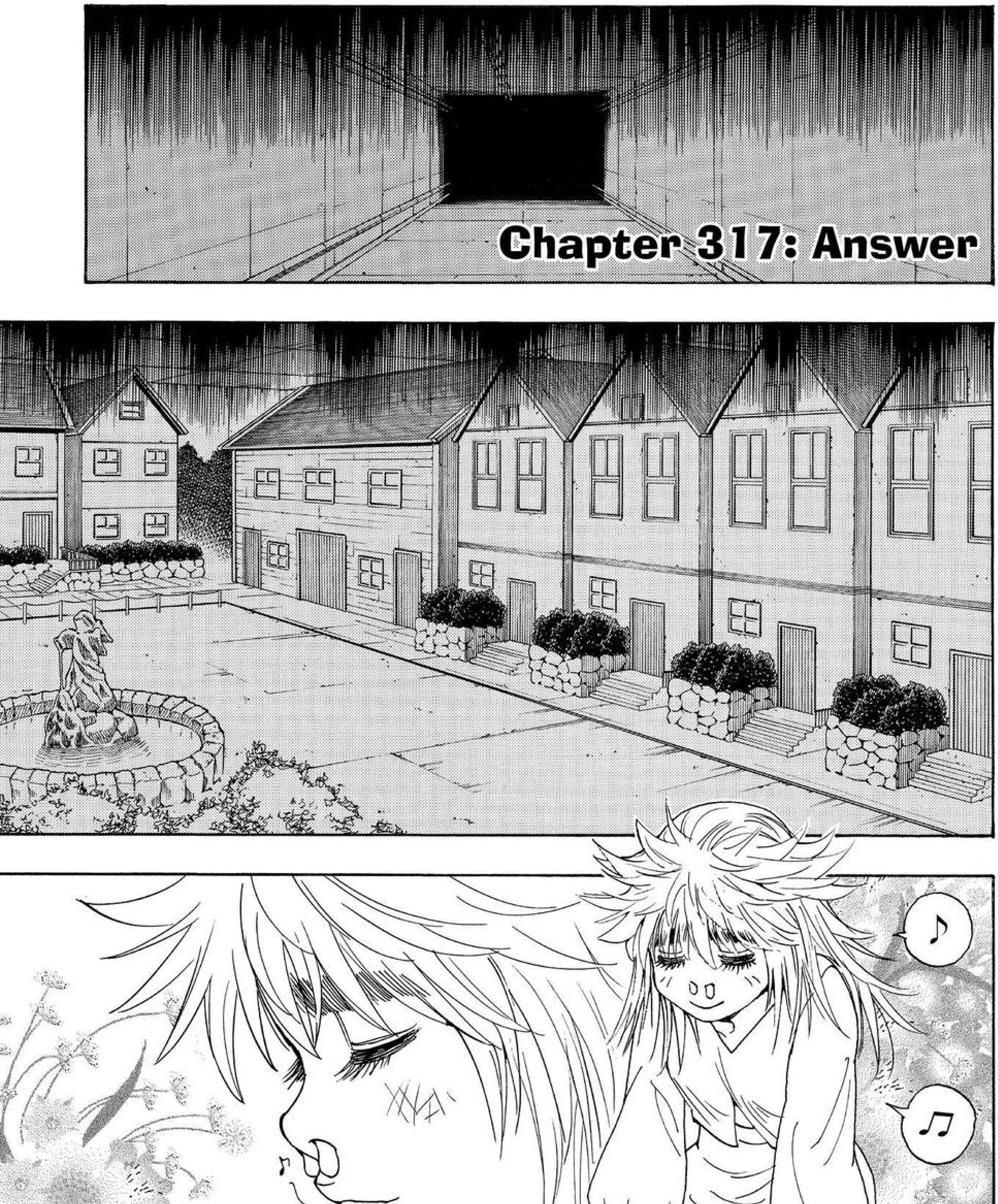
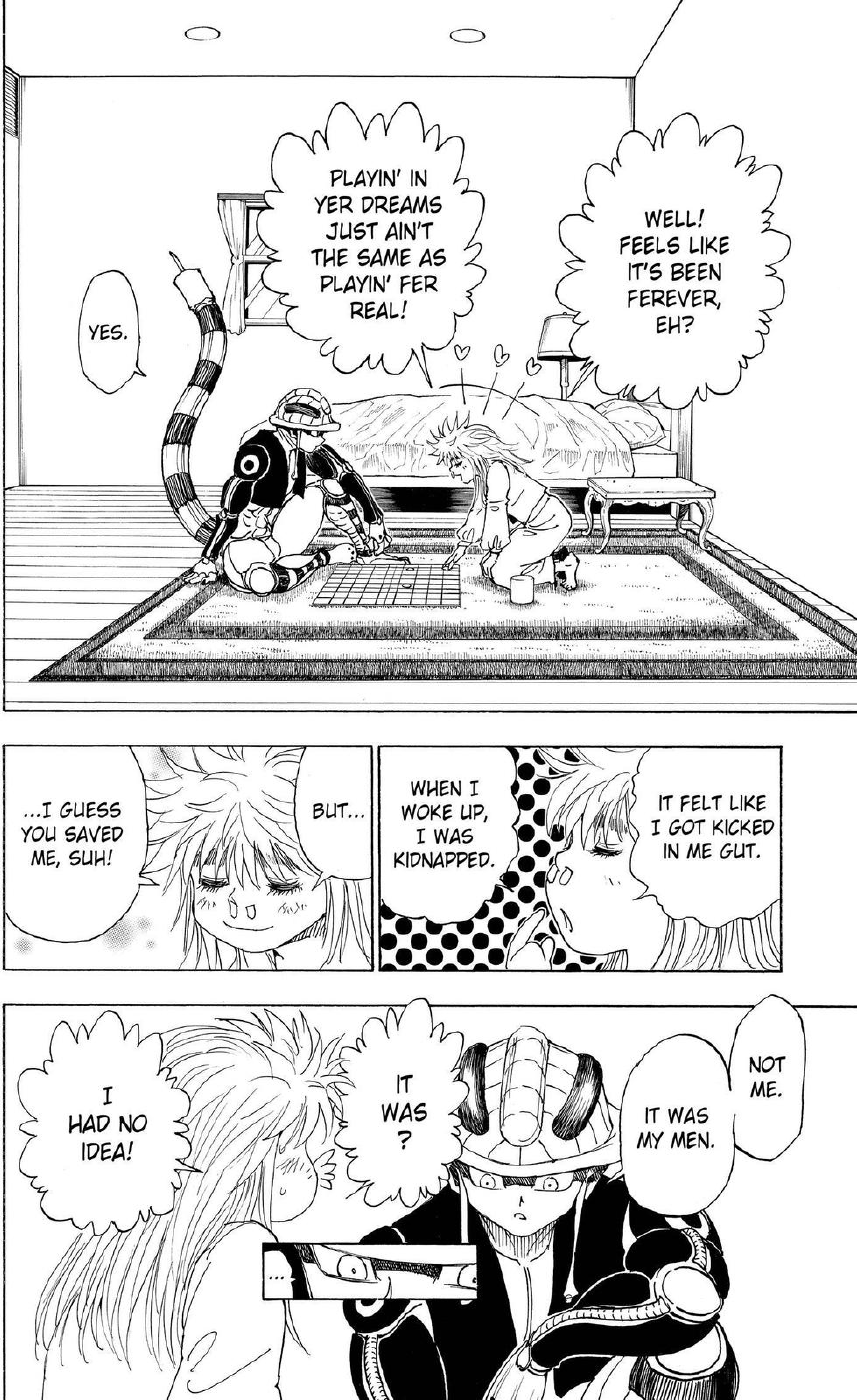
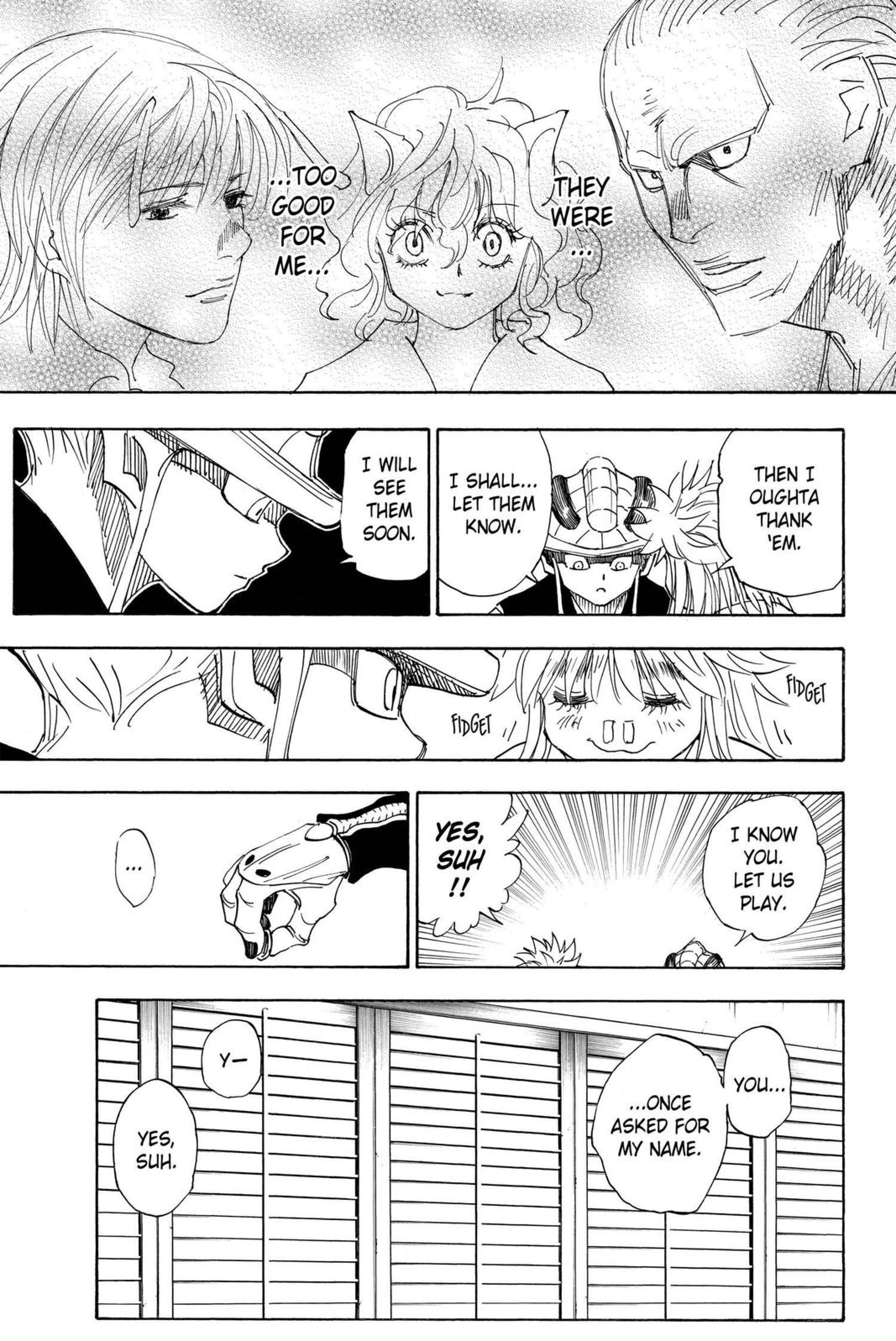
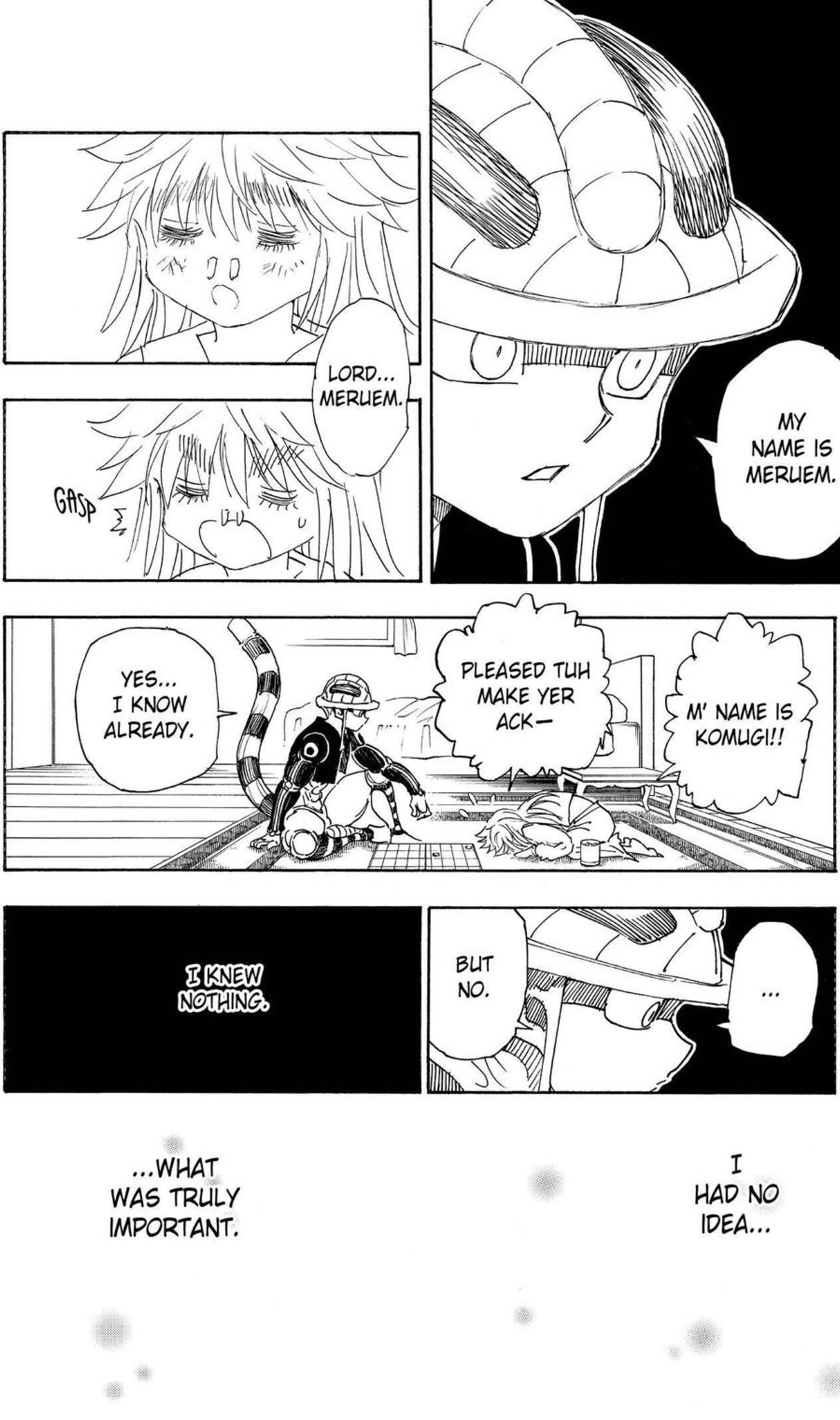
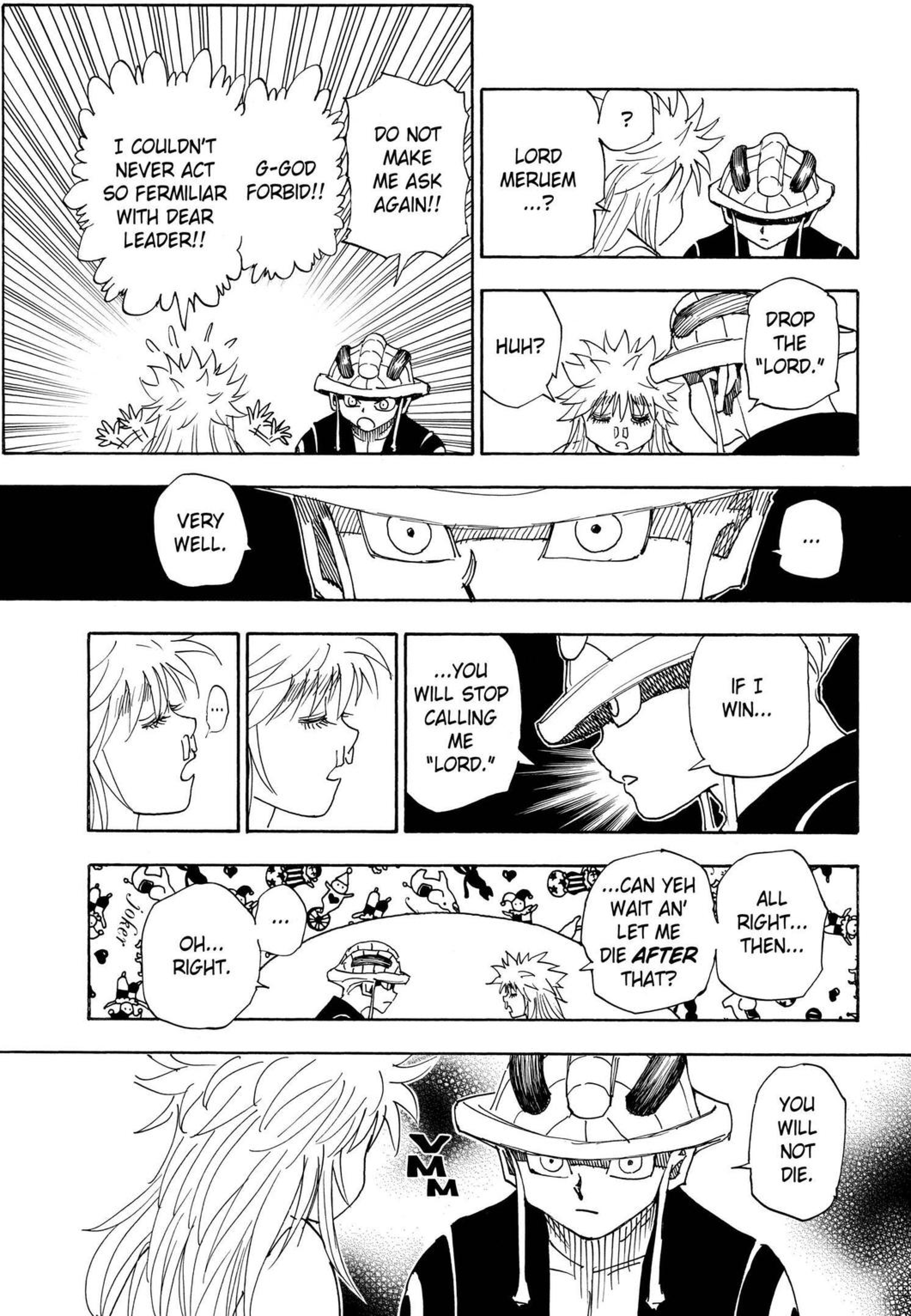
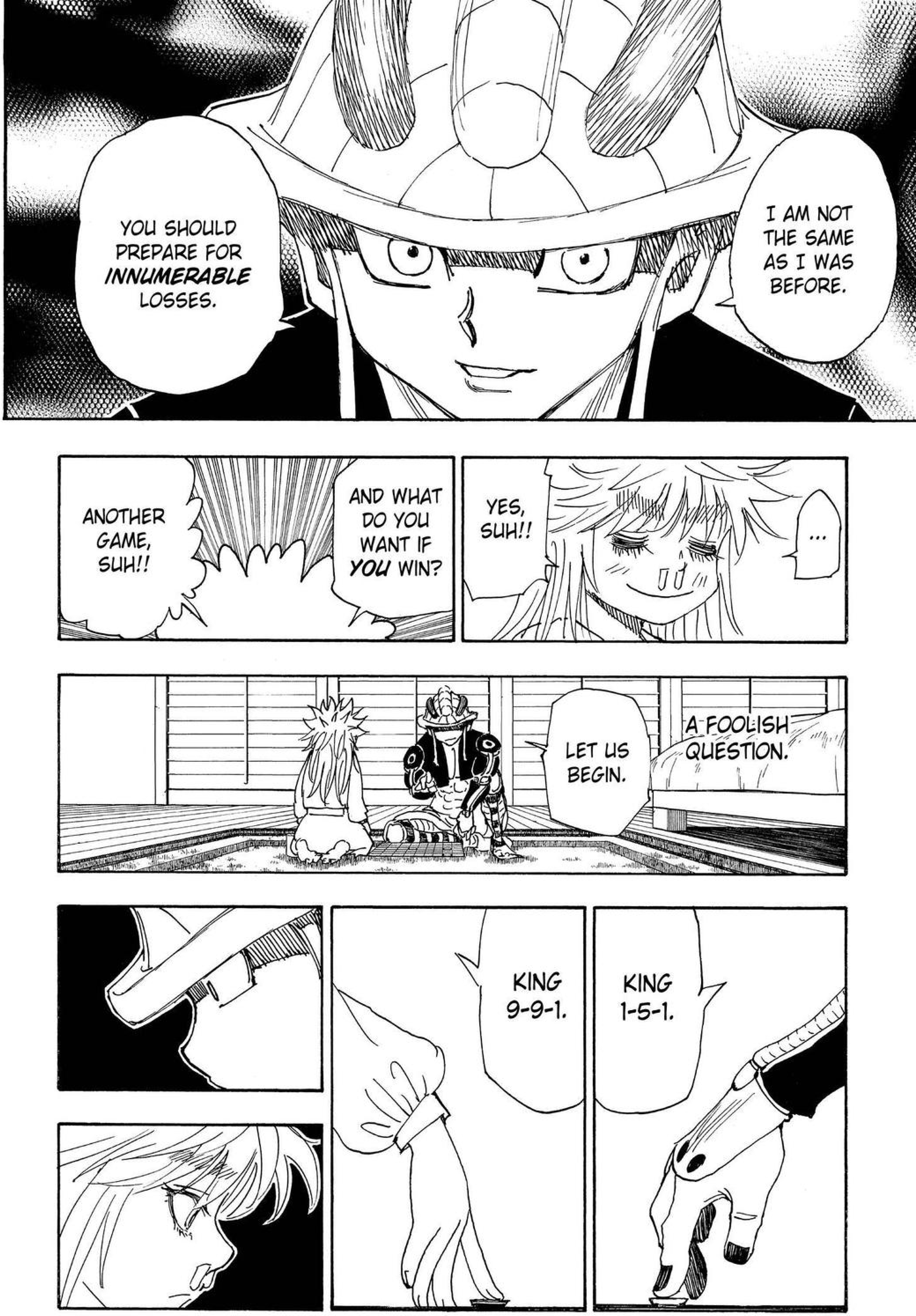


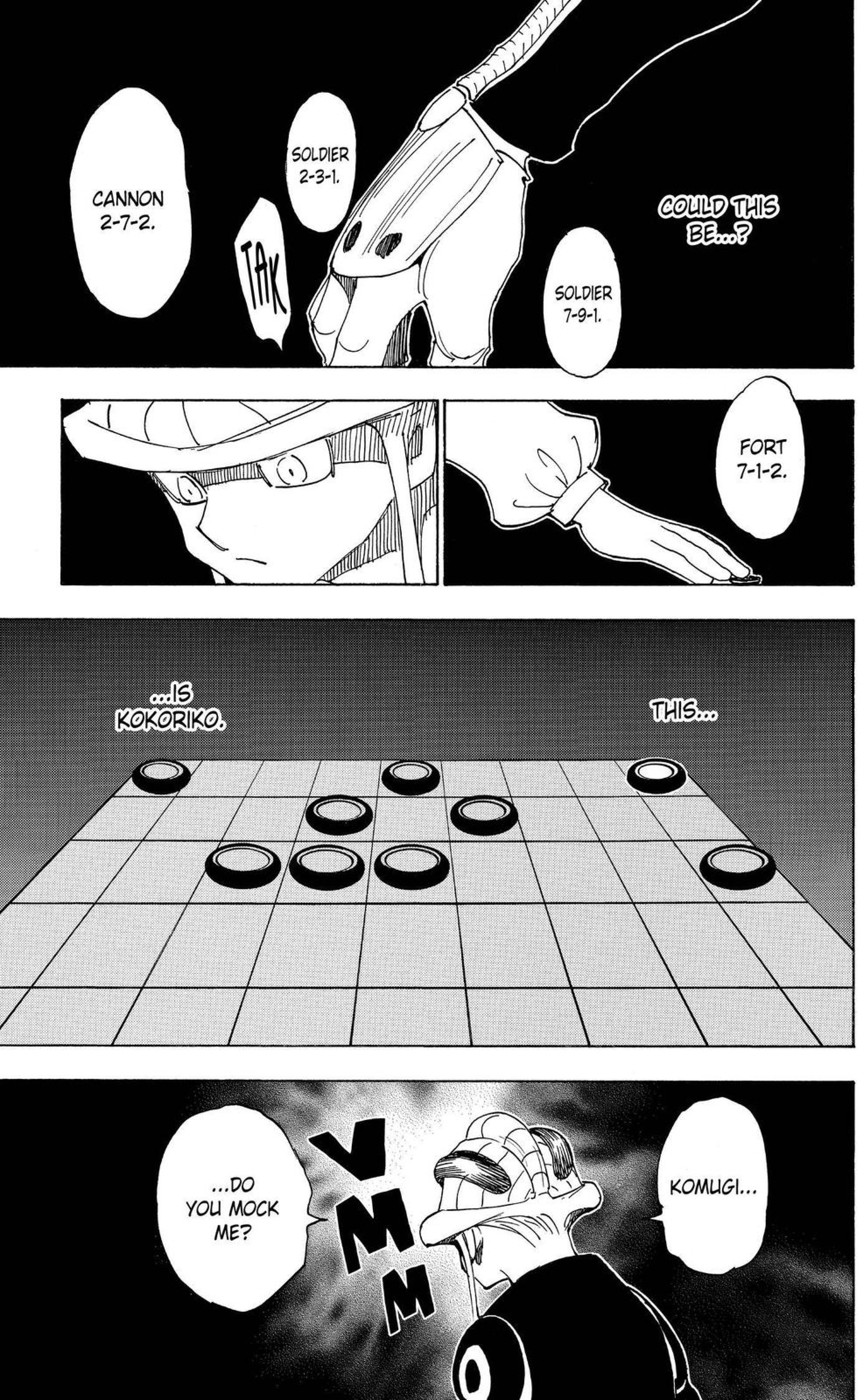

WELL! FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN FEREVER, EH?
PLAYIN' IN YER DREAMS JUST AIN'T THE SAME AS PLAYIN' FER REAL!
YES.
IT FELT LIKE I GOT KICKED IN ME GUT.
WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS KIDNAPPED.
BUT...
...I GUESS YOU SAVED ME, SUH!
NOT ME.
IT WAS MY MEN.
IT WAS?
I HAD NO IDEA!
...

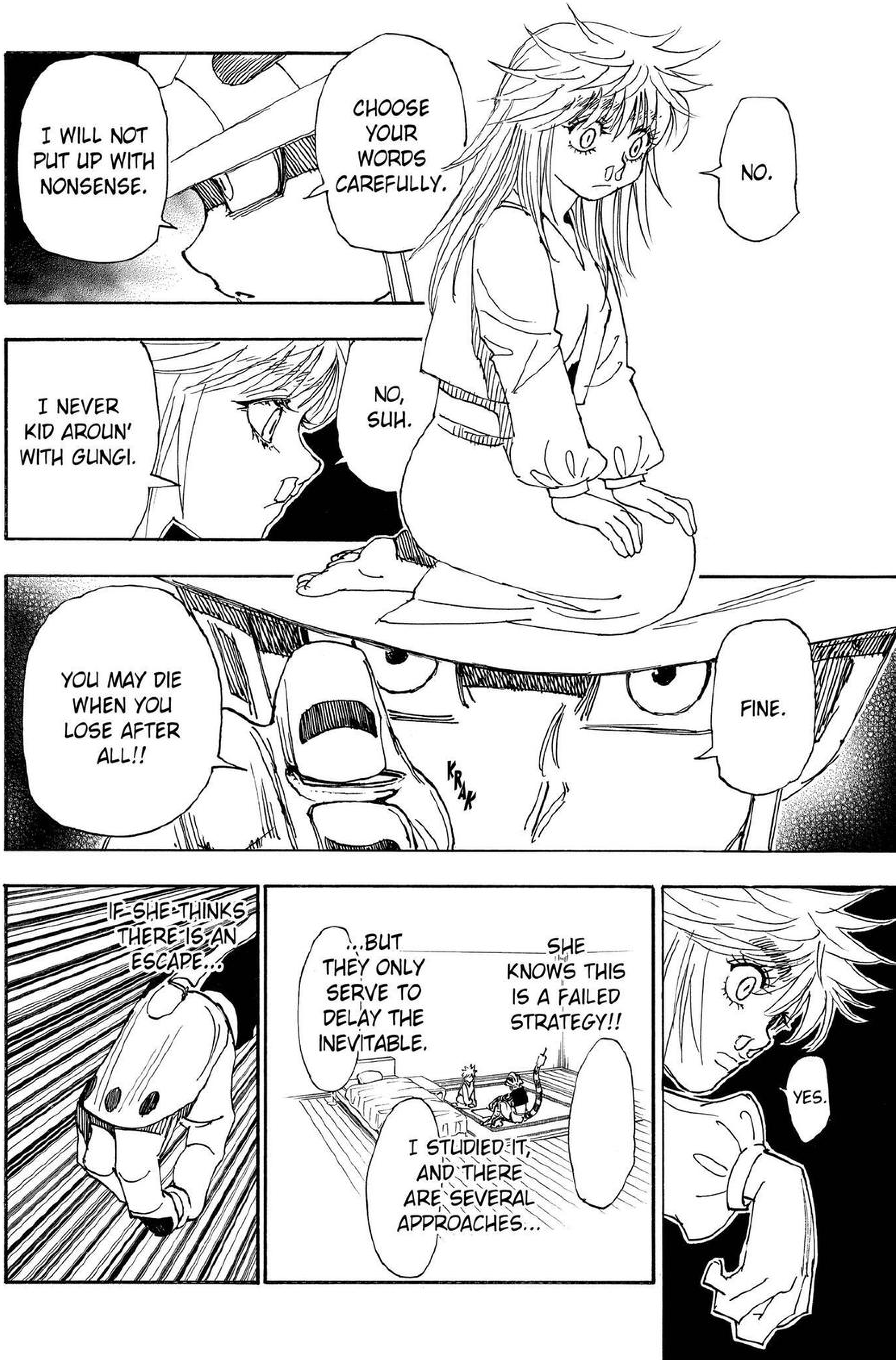

THEY WERE...
...TOO GOOD FOR ME...
THEN I OUGHTA THANK 'EM.
I SHALL... LET THEM KNOW.
I WILL SEE THEM SOON.
FIDGET
FIDGET
I KNOW YOU. LET US PLAY.
YES, SUH!!
...
YOU...
...ONCE ASKED FOR MY NAME.
Y—
YES, SUH.

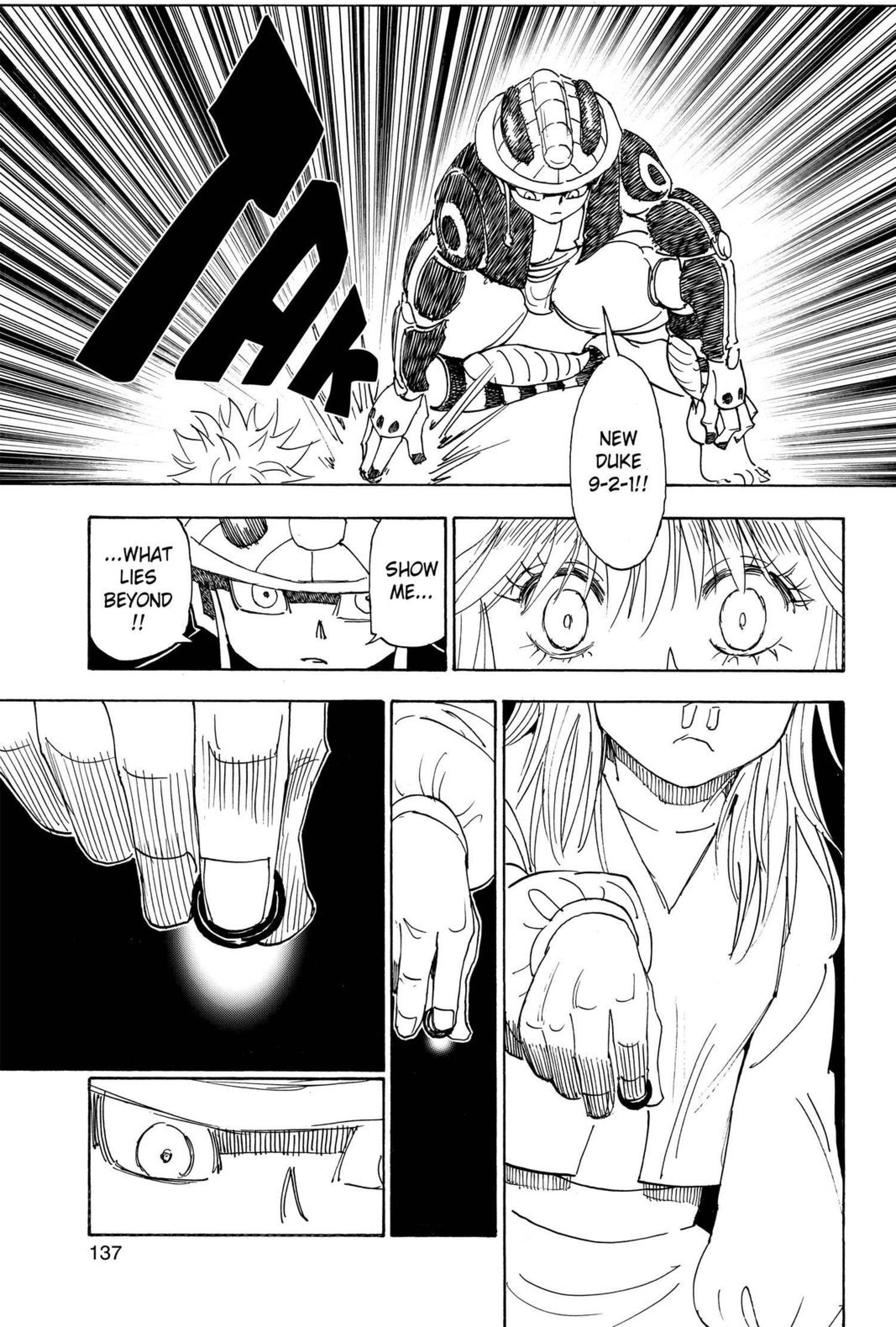

MY NAME IS MERUEM.
LORD... MERUEM.
GASP
M' NAME IS KOMUGI!!
PLEASED TUH MAKE YER ACK—
YES... I KNOW ALREADY.
...
BUT NO.
I KNEW NOTHING.
I HAD NO IDEA...
...WHAT WAS TRULY IMPORTANT.

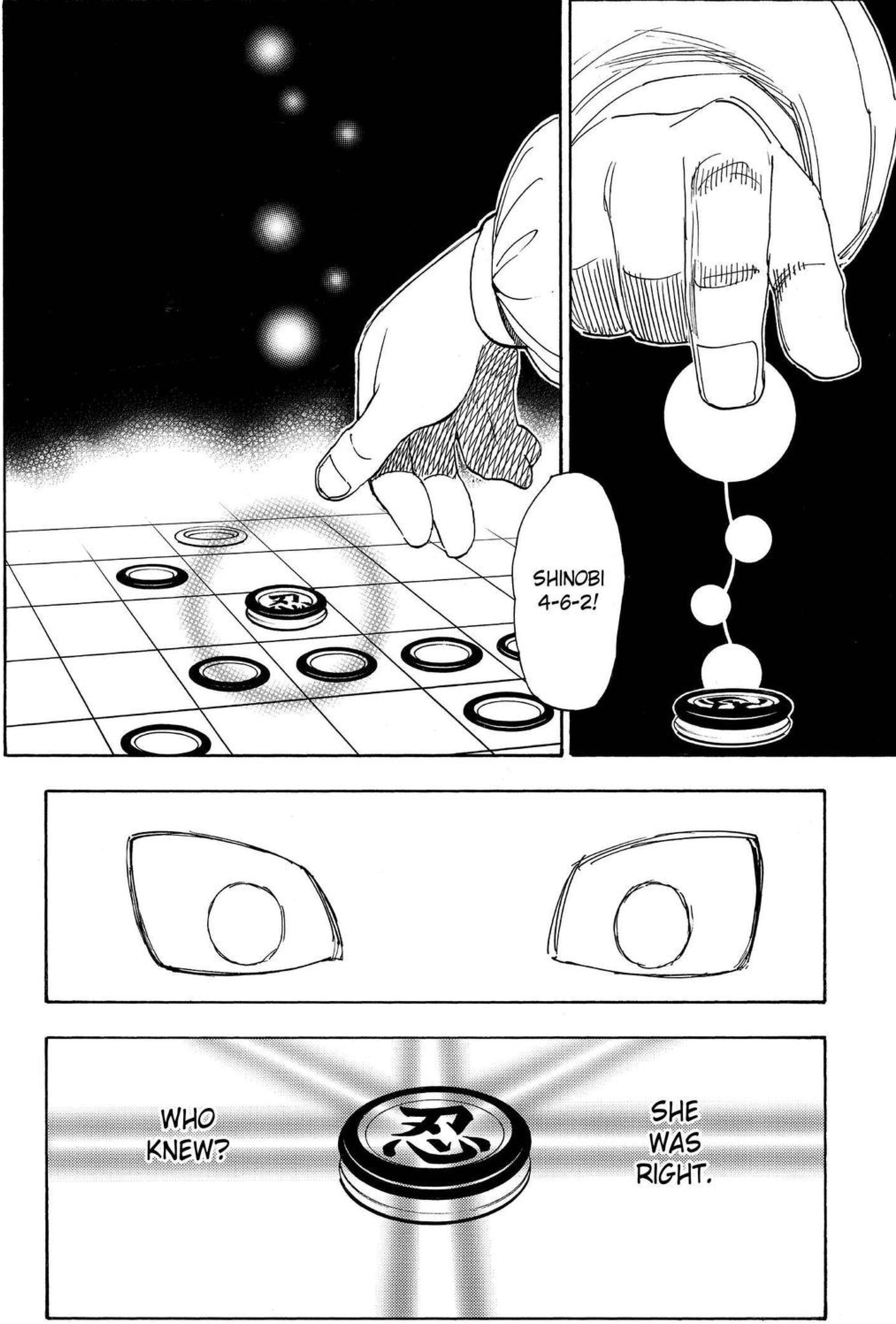

?
LORD MERUEM ...?
DROP THE "LORD."
HUH?
DO NOT MAKE ME ASK AGAIN!!
G-GOD FORBID!!
I COULDN'T NEVER ACT SO FERMILIAR WITH DEAR LEADER!!
...
VERY WELL.
IF I WIN...
...YOU WILL STOP CALLING ME "LORD."
...
ALL RIGHT... THEN...
...CAN YEH WAIT AN' LET ME DIE *AFTER* THAT?
...
OH... RIGHT.
Joker
YOU WILL NOT DIE.
VMM

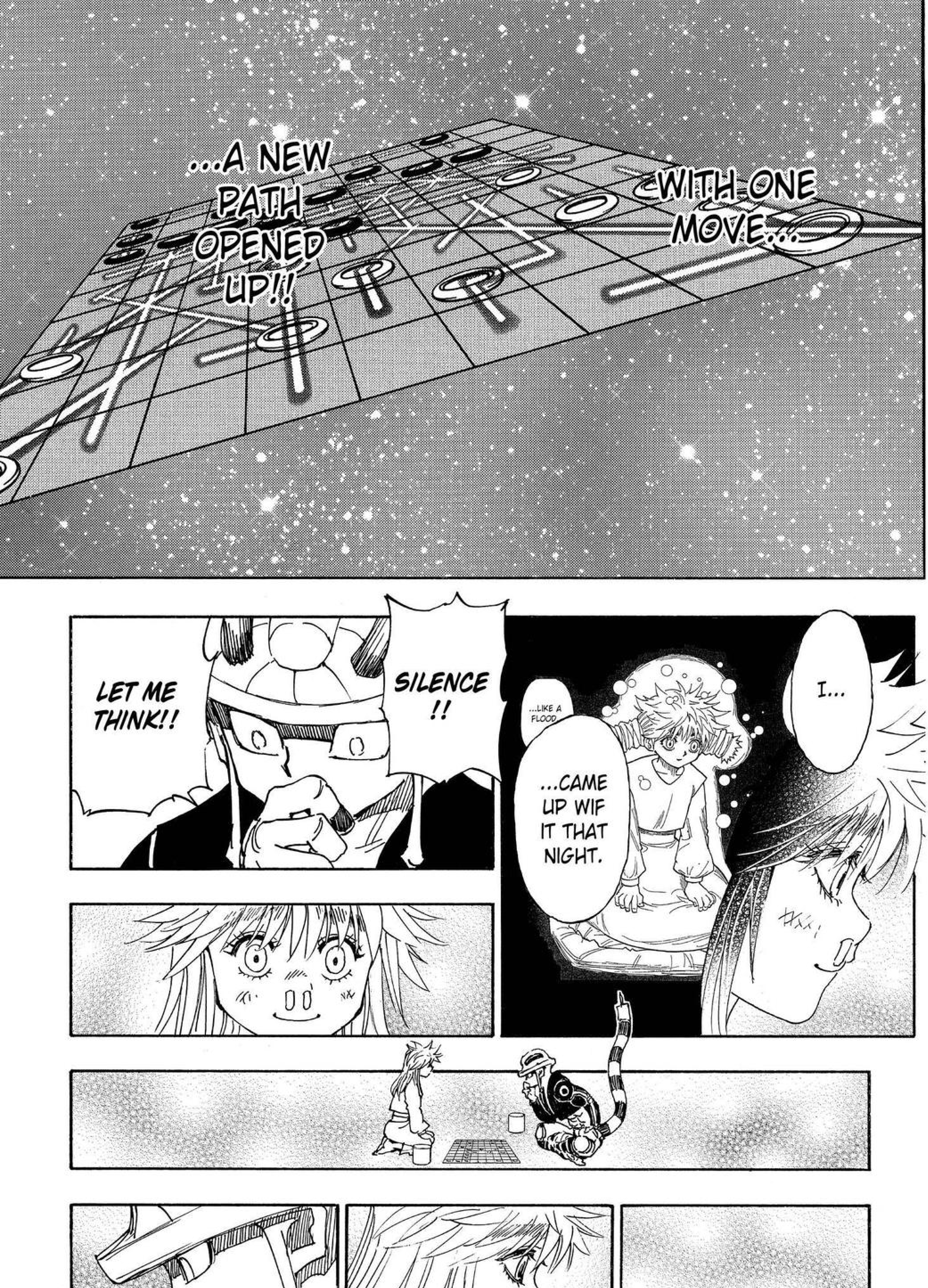

I AM NOT THE SAME AS I WAS BEFORE.
YOU SHOULD PREPARE FOR **INNUMERABLE** LOSSES.
...
YES, SUH!!
AND WHAT DO YOU WANT IF **YOU** WIN?
ANOTHER GAME, SUH!!
A FOOLISH QUESTION.
LET US BEGIN.
KING 1-5-1.
KING 9-9-1.

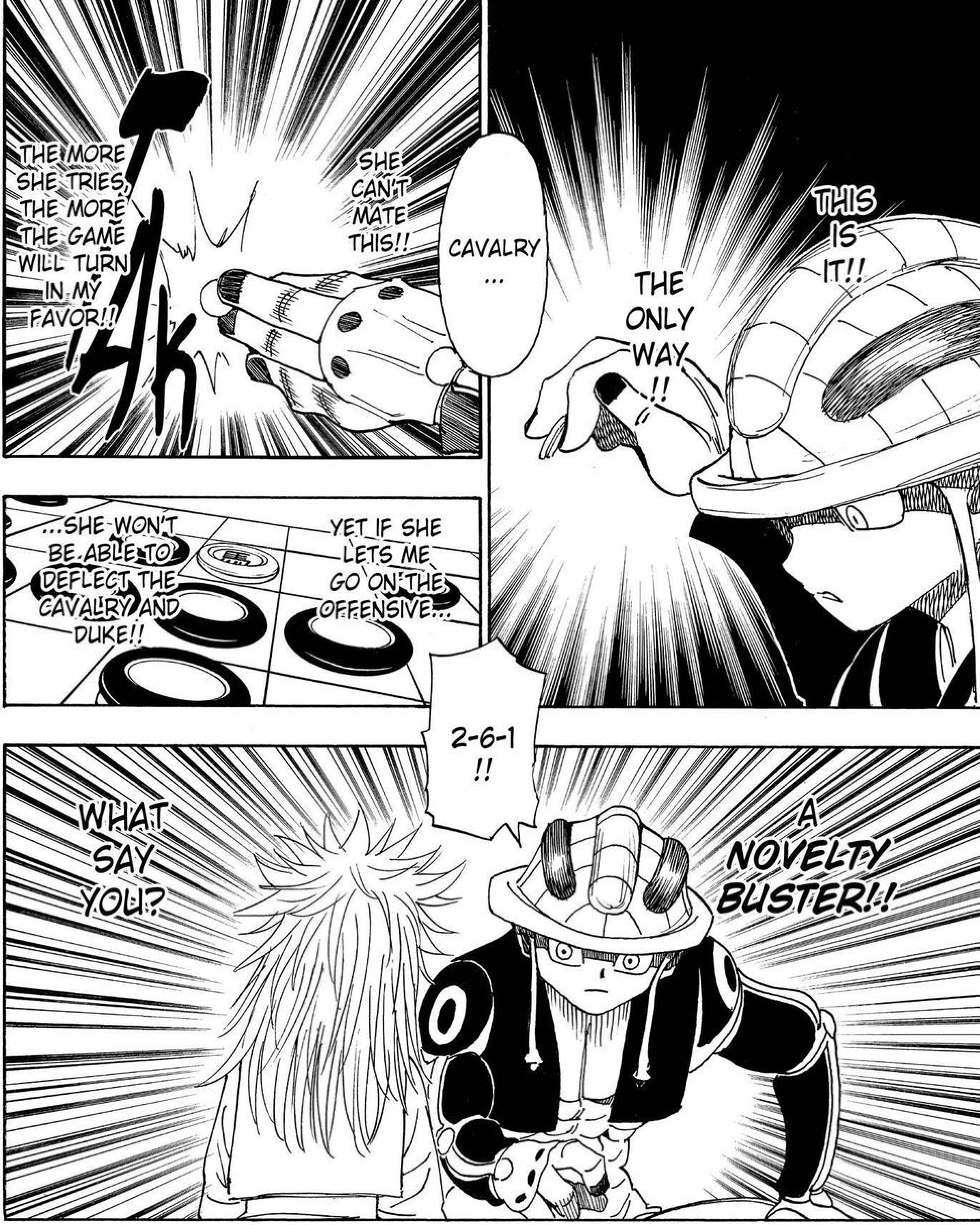

COULD THIS BE...?
SOLDIER 7-9-1.
SOLDIER 2-3-1.
TAK
CANNON 2-7-2.
FORT 7-1-2.
THIS...
...IS KOKORIKO.
KOMUGI...
VMM
...DO YOU MOCK ME?


NO.
CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY.
I WILL NOT PUT UP WITH NONSENSE.
NO, SUH.
I NEVER KID AROUN' WITH GUNGI.
FINE.
KRAK
YOU MAY DIE WHEN YOU LOSE AFTER ALL!!
YES.
I STUDIED IT, AND THERE ARE SEVERAL APPROACHES...
...BUT THEY ONLY SERVE TO DELAY THE INEVITABLE.
SHE KNOWS THIS IS A FAILED STRATEGY!!
IF SHE THINKS THERE IS AN ESCAPE...

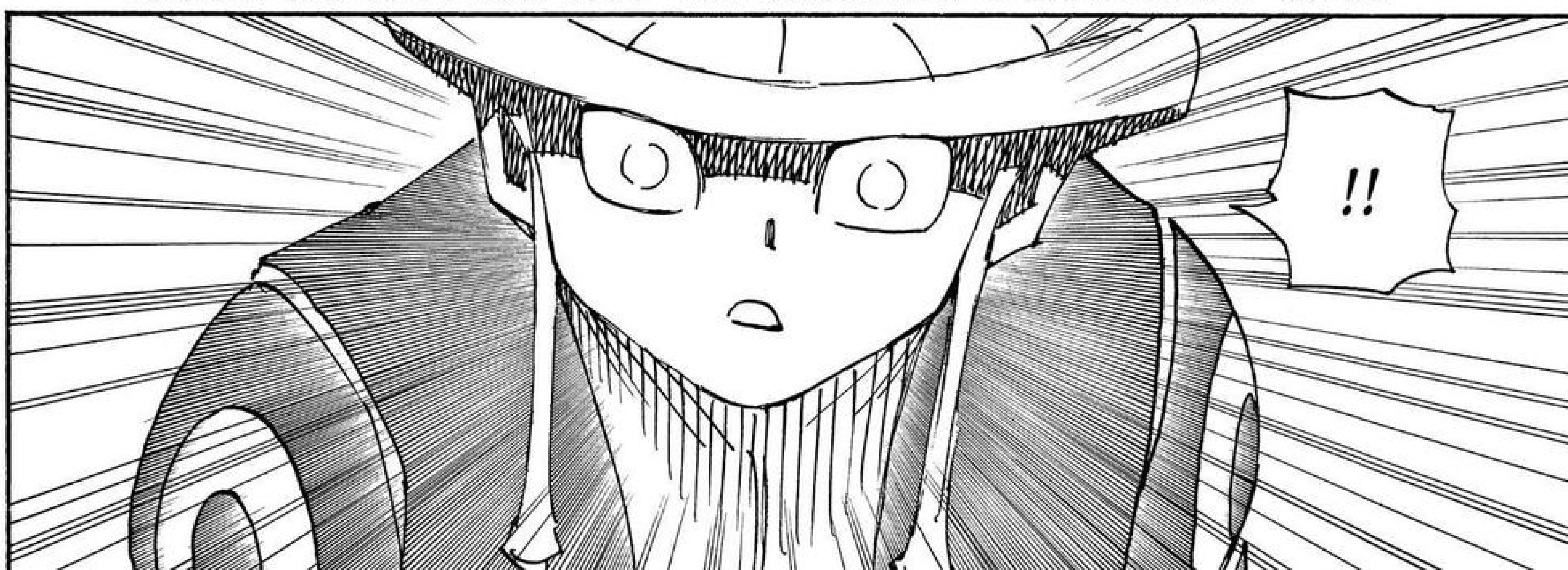

TAK
NEW DUKE 9-2-1!!
SHOW ME...
...WHAT LIES BEYOND !!

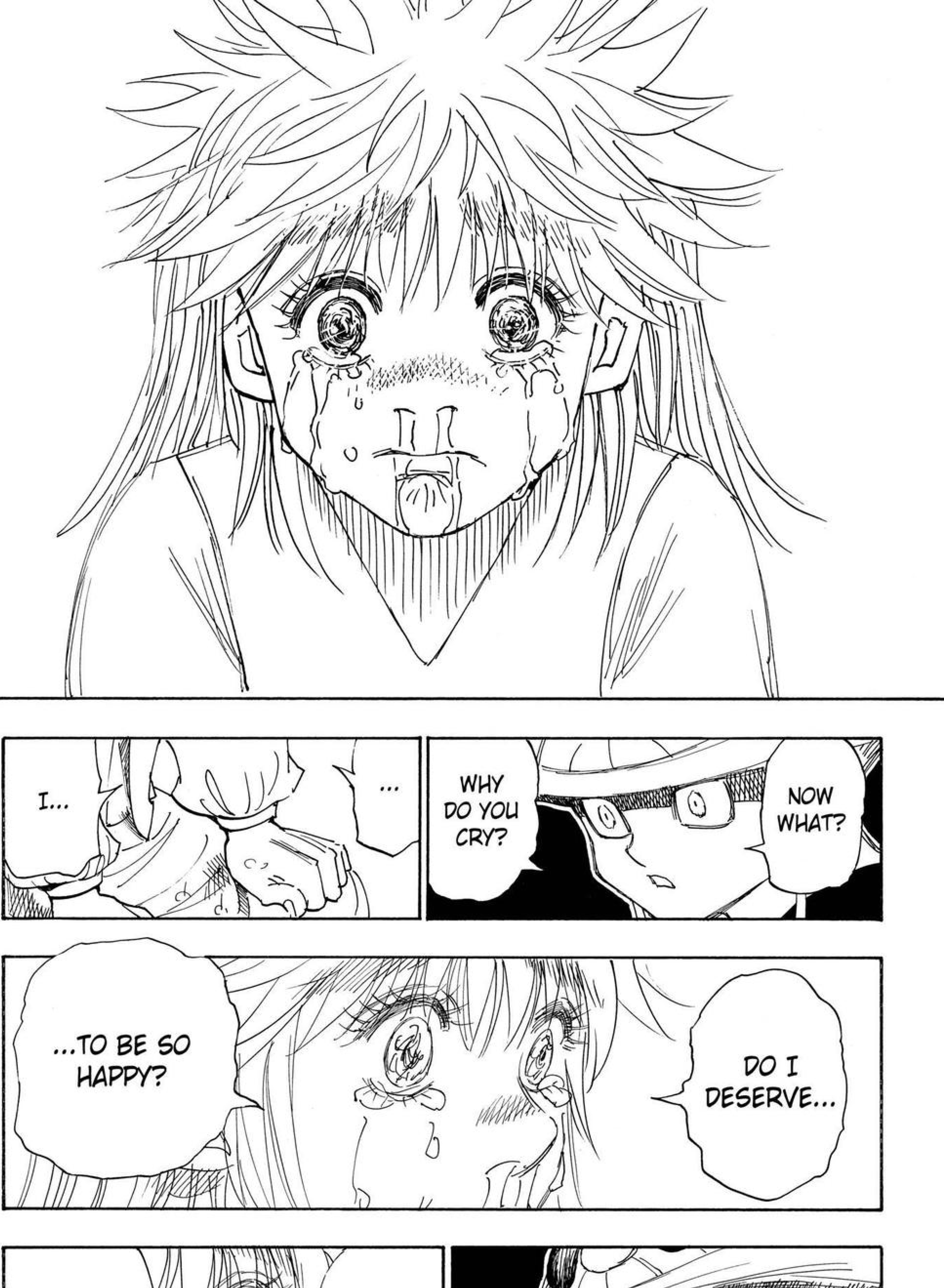

SHINOBI 4-6-2!
忍
SHE WAS RIGHT.
WHO KNEW?

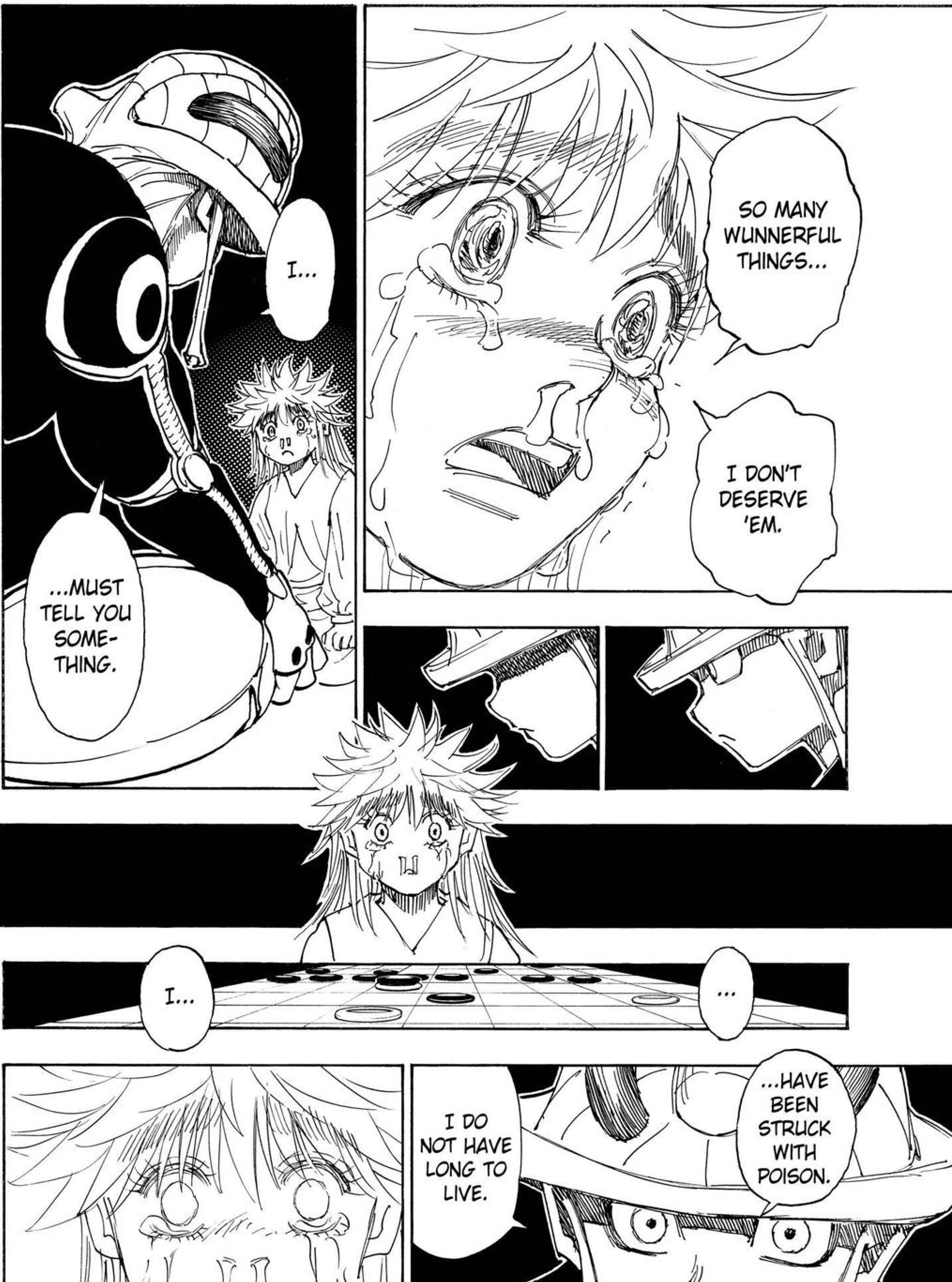

WITH ONE MOVE...
...A NEW PATH OPENED UP!!
I...
...LIKE A FLOOD
...CAME UP WIF IT THAT NIGHT.
SILENCE!!
LET ME THINK!!

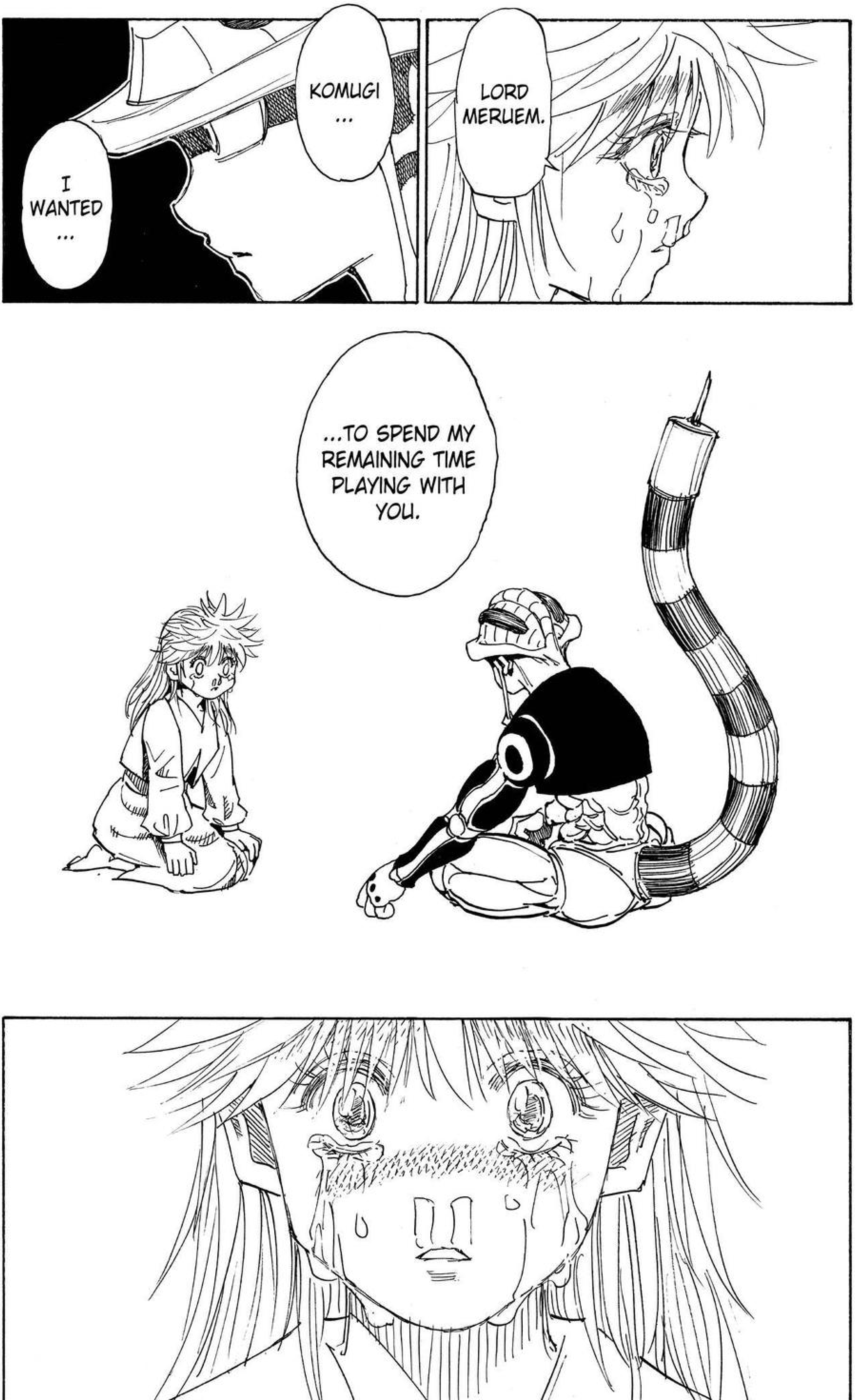

THIS IS IT!!
THE ONLY WAY!!
CAVALRY ...
SHE CAN'T MATE THIS!!
THE MORE SHE TRIES, THE MORE THE GAME WILL TURN IN MY FAVOR!!
YET IF SHE LETS ME GO ON THE OFFENSIVE...
...SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFLECT THE CAVALRY AND DUKE!!
2-6-1 !!
A NOVELTY BUSTER!!
WHAT SAY YOU?

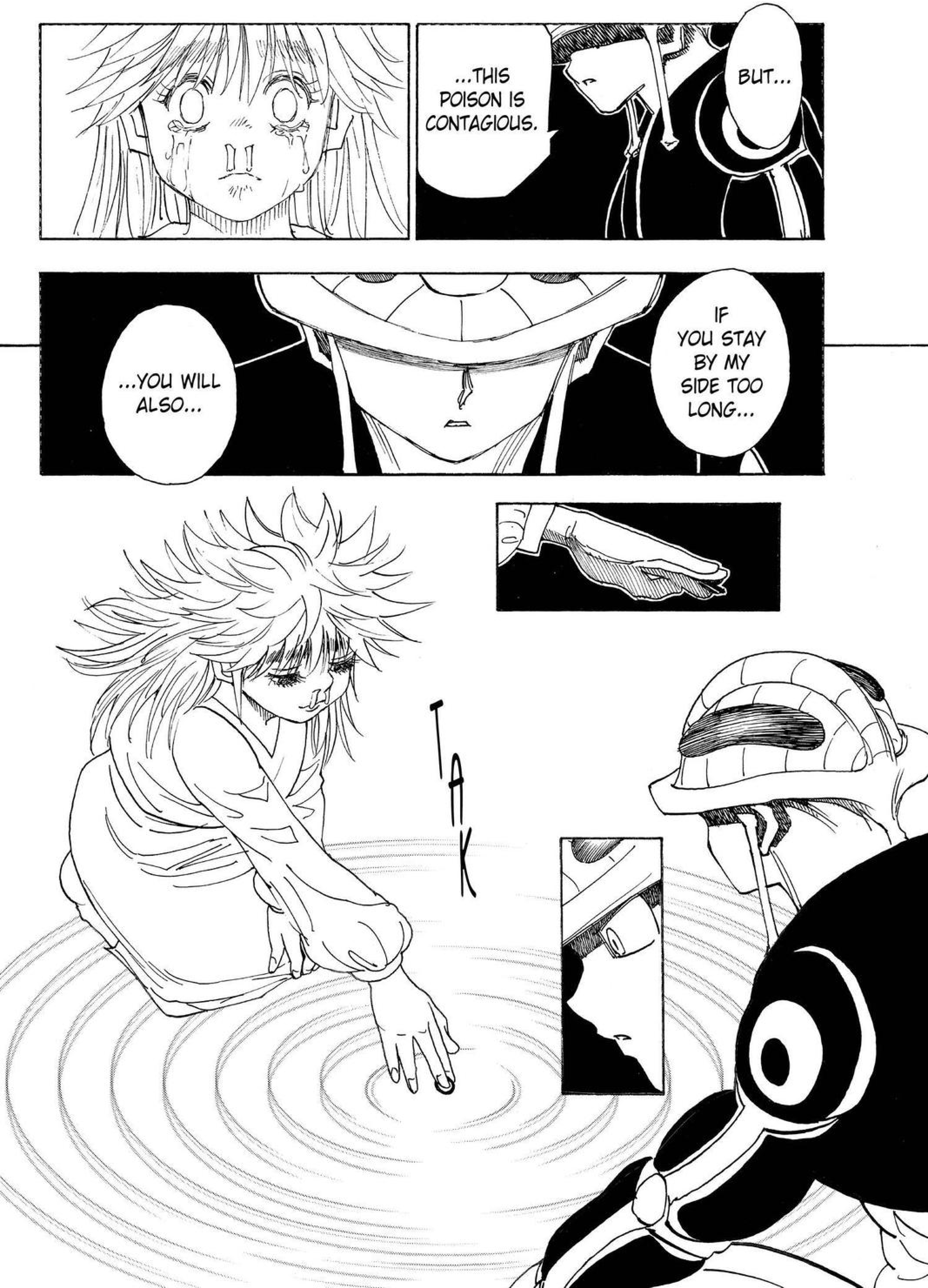
NOVELTY BUSTER: A NEW MOVE THAT IMMEDIATELY CRUSHES A NEW TACTIC.

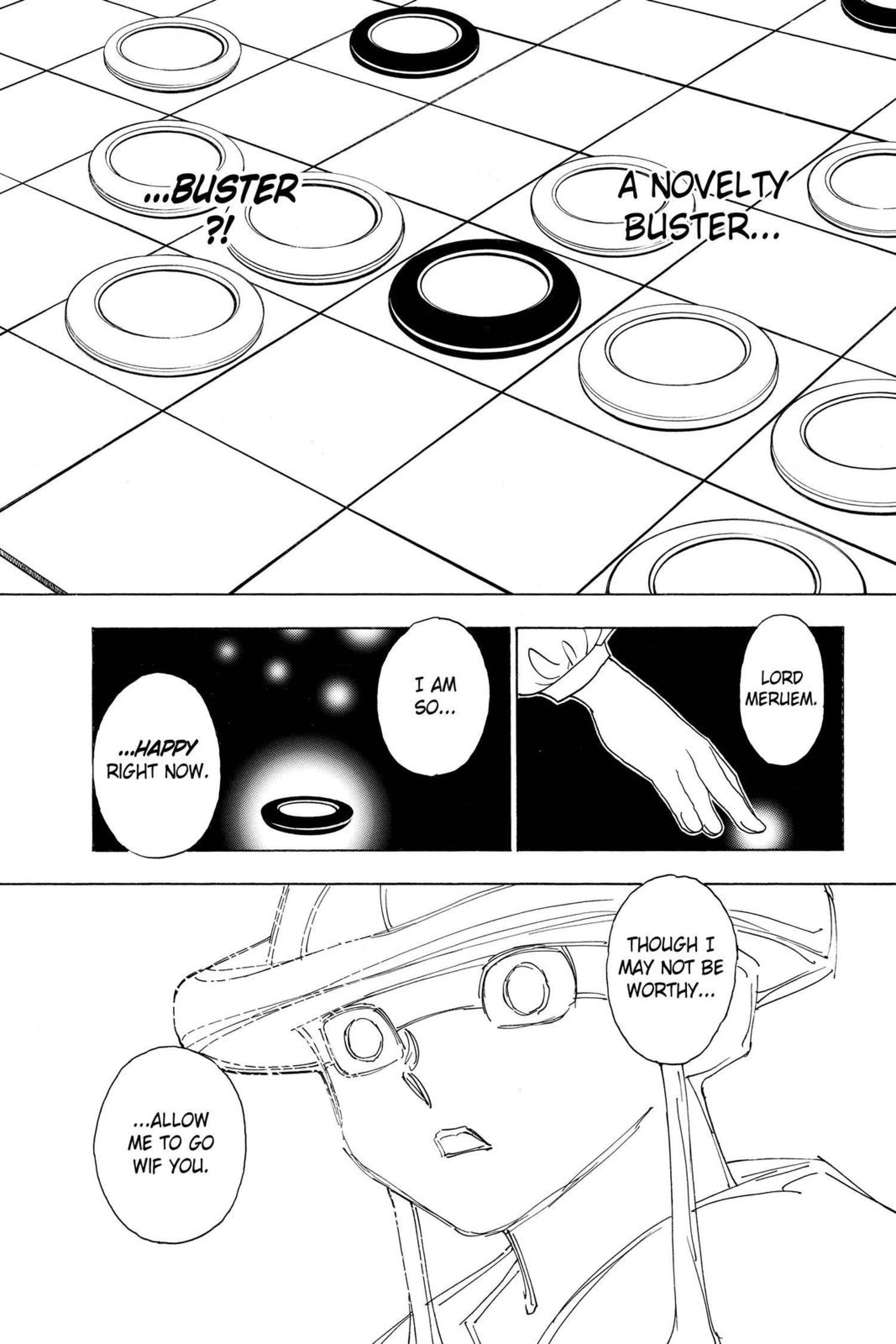


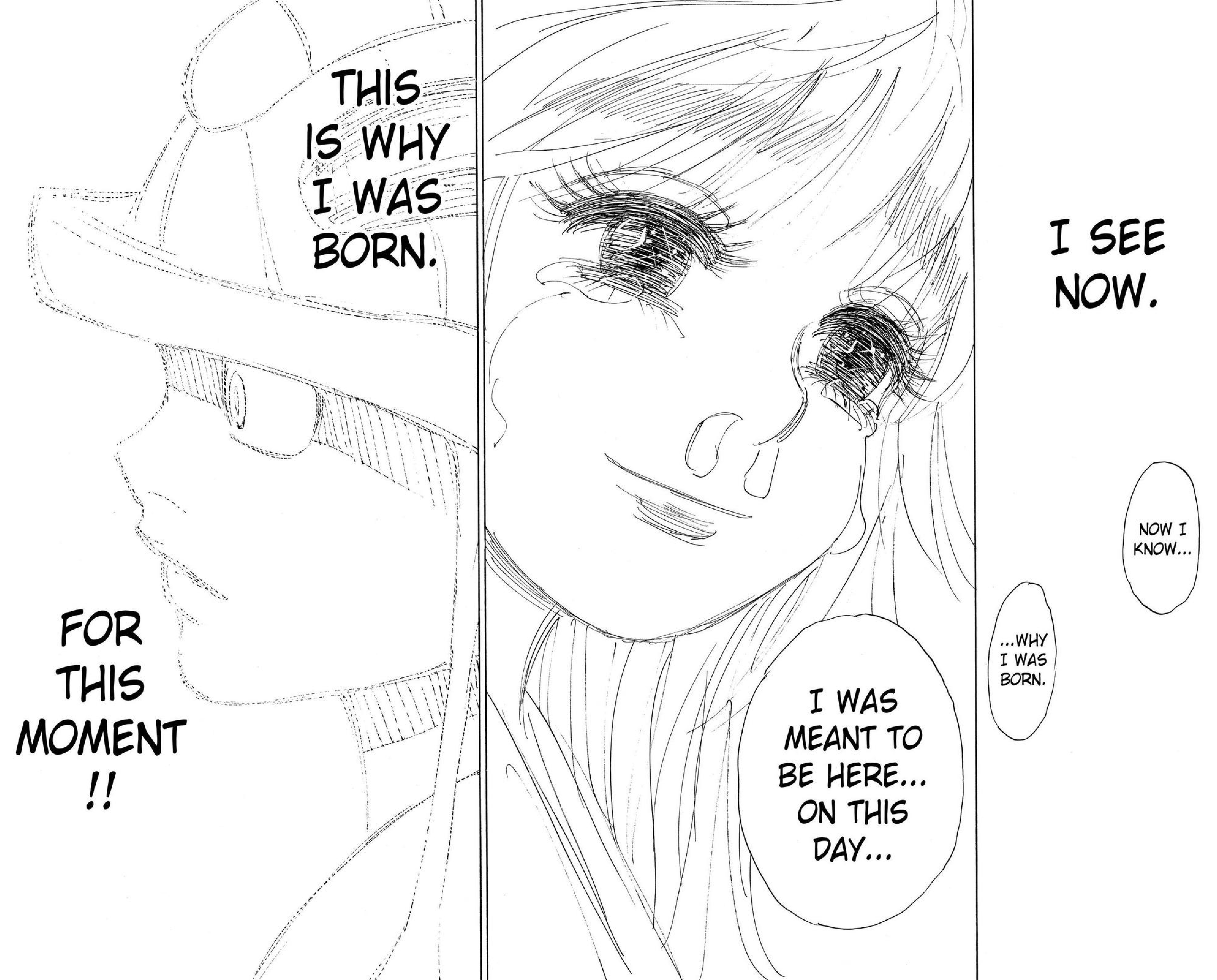

NOW WHAT?
WHY DO YOU CRY?
...
I...
DO I DESERVE...
...TO BE SO HAPPY?
I'M GOOD AT ONE THING...
...AND NOTHIN' ELSE.

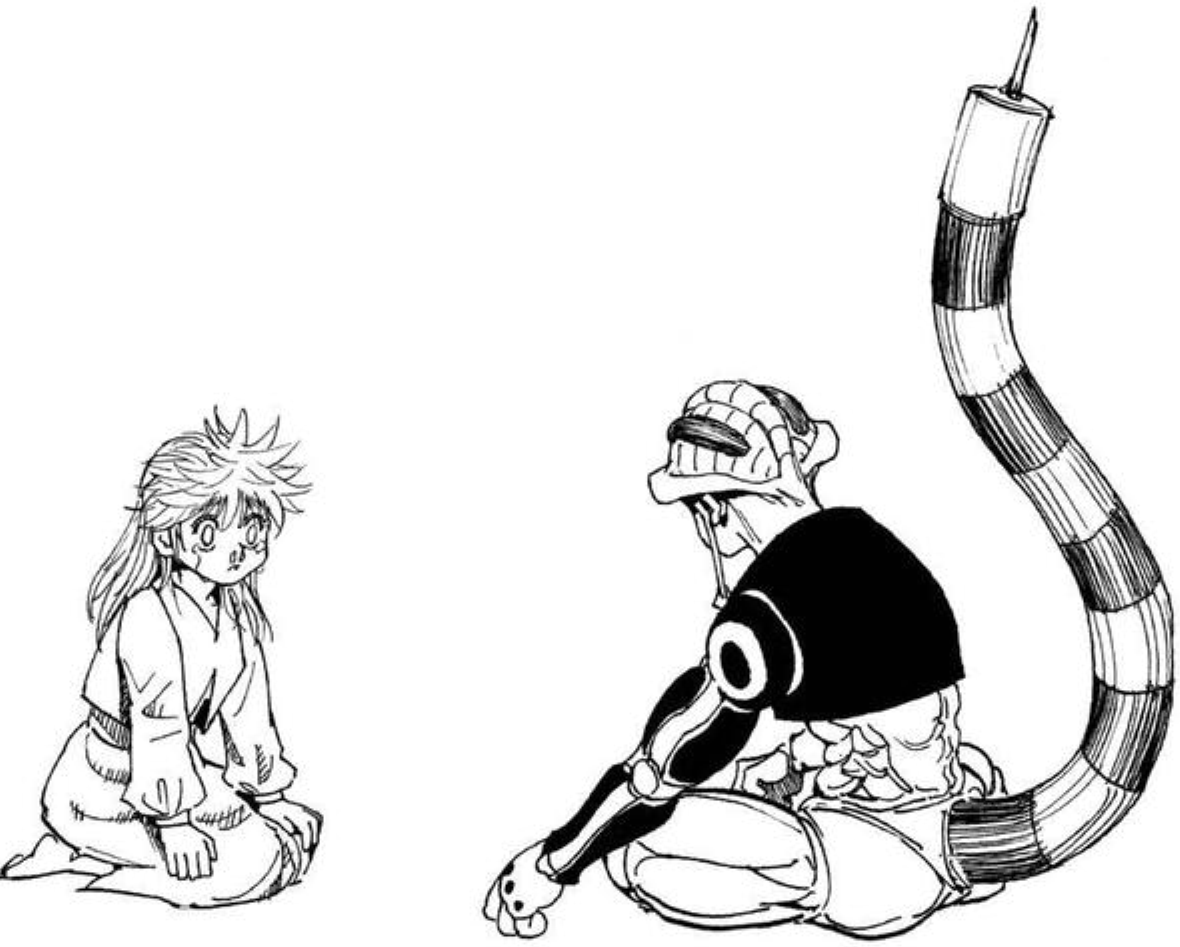

SO MANY WUNNERFUL THINGS...
I DON'T DESERVE 'EM.
I...
...MUST TELL YOU SOME-THING.
...
I...
...HAVE BEEN STRUCK WITH POISON.
I DO NOT HAVE LONG TO LIVE.

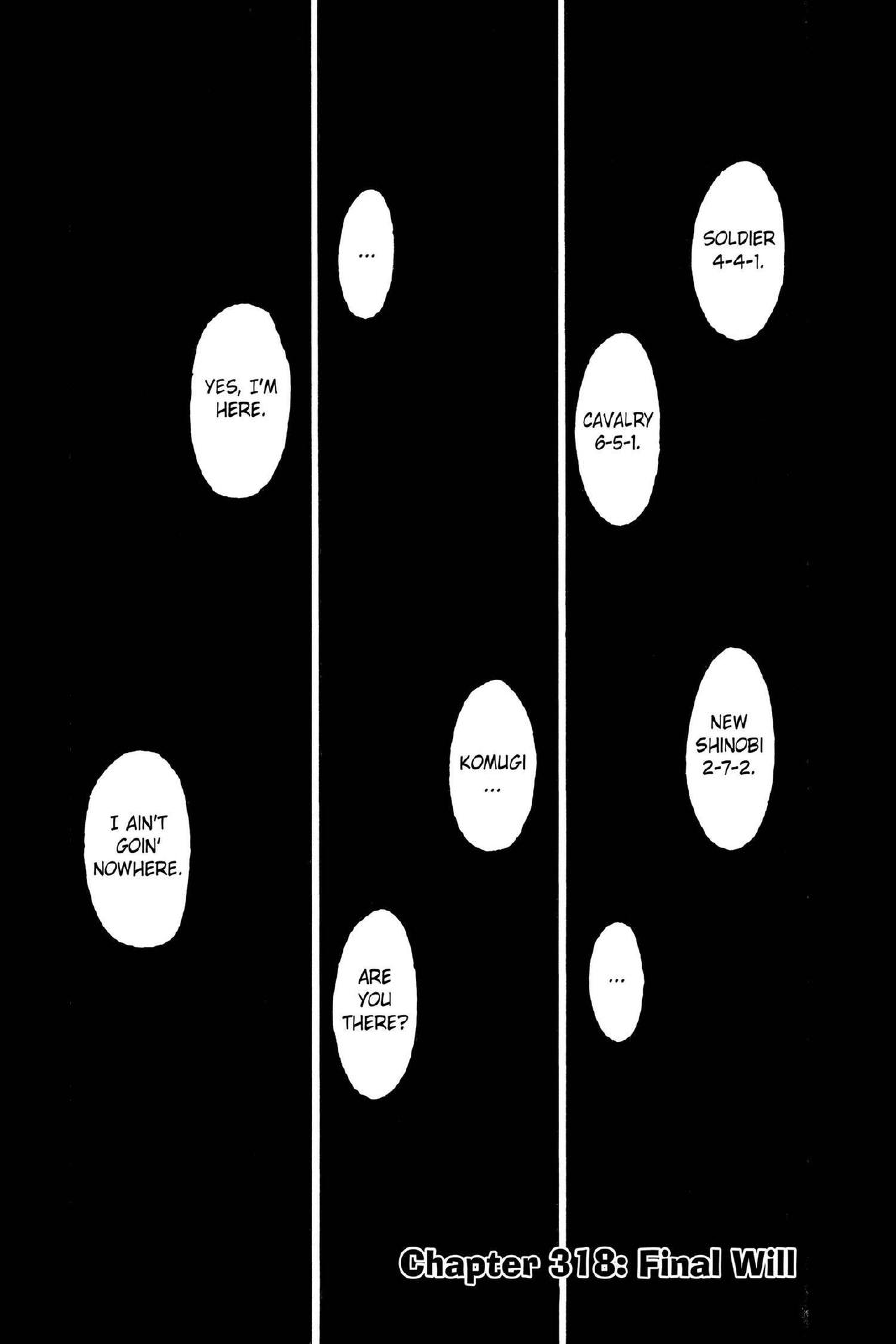

LORD MERUEM.
KOMUGI ...
I WANTED ...
...TO SPEND MY REMAINING TIME PLAYING WITH YOU.


BUT...
...THIS POISON IS CONTAGIOUS.
IF YOU STAY BY MY SIDE TOO LONG...
...YOU WILL ALSO...
TAK


A NOVELTY BUSTER...
...BUSTER?!
LORD MERUEM.
I AM SO...
...HAPPY RIGHT NOW.
THOUGH I MAY NOT BE WORTHY...
...ALLOW ME TO GO WIF YOU.


I SEE NOW.
NOW I KNOW...
...WHY I WAS BORN.
I WAS MEANT TO BE HERE... ON THIS DAY...
THIS IS WHY I WAS BORN.
FOR THIS MOMENT!!




SOLDIER 4-4-1.
CAVALRY 6-5-1.
NEW SHINOBI 2-7-2.
...
...
KOMUGI ...
ARE YOU THERE?
YES, I'M HERE.
I AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE.

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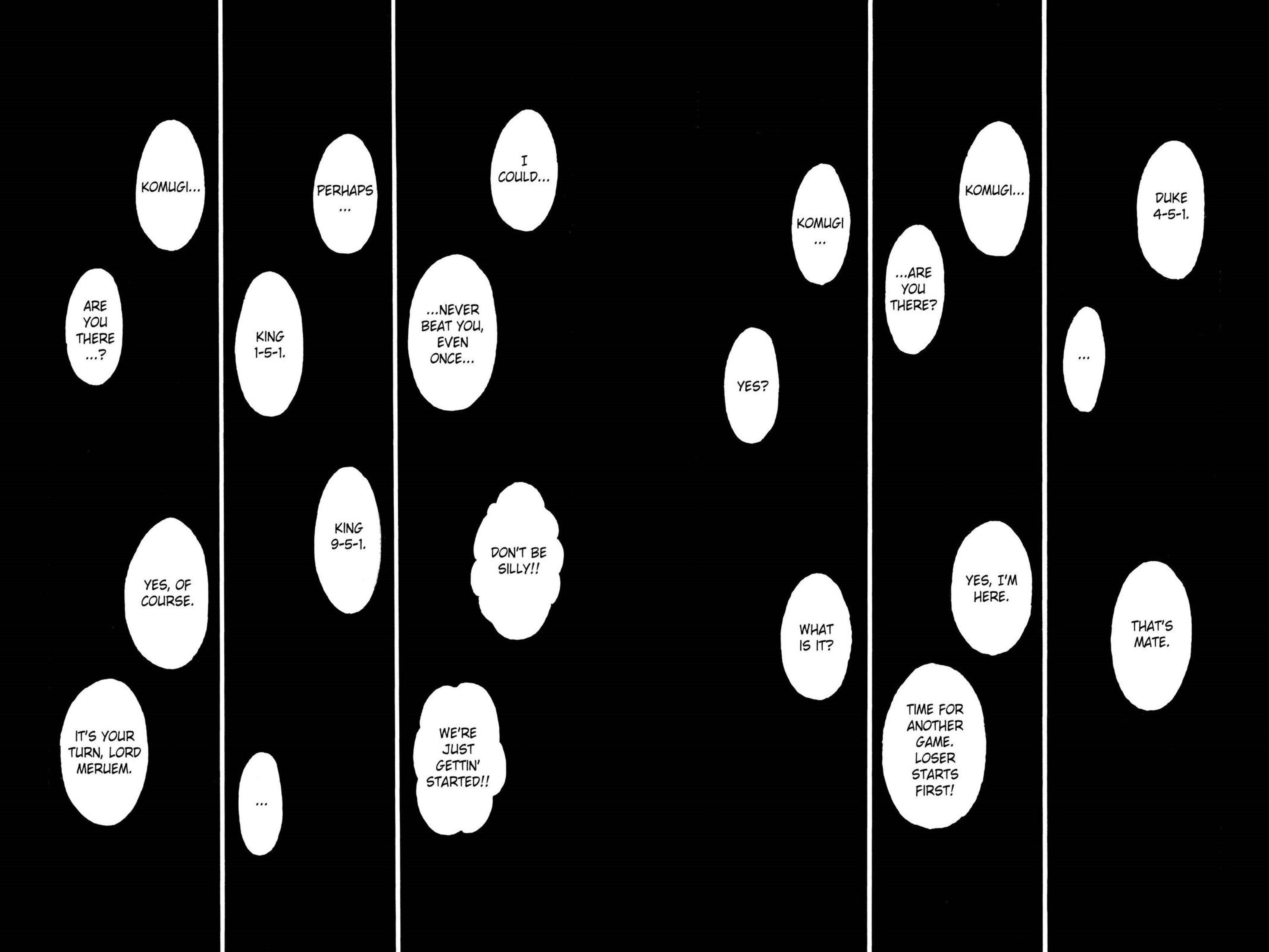
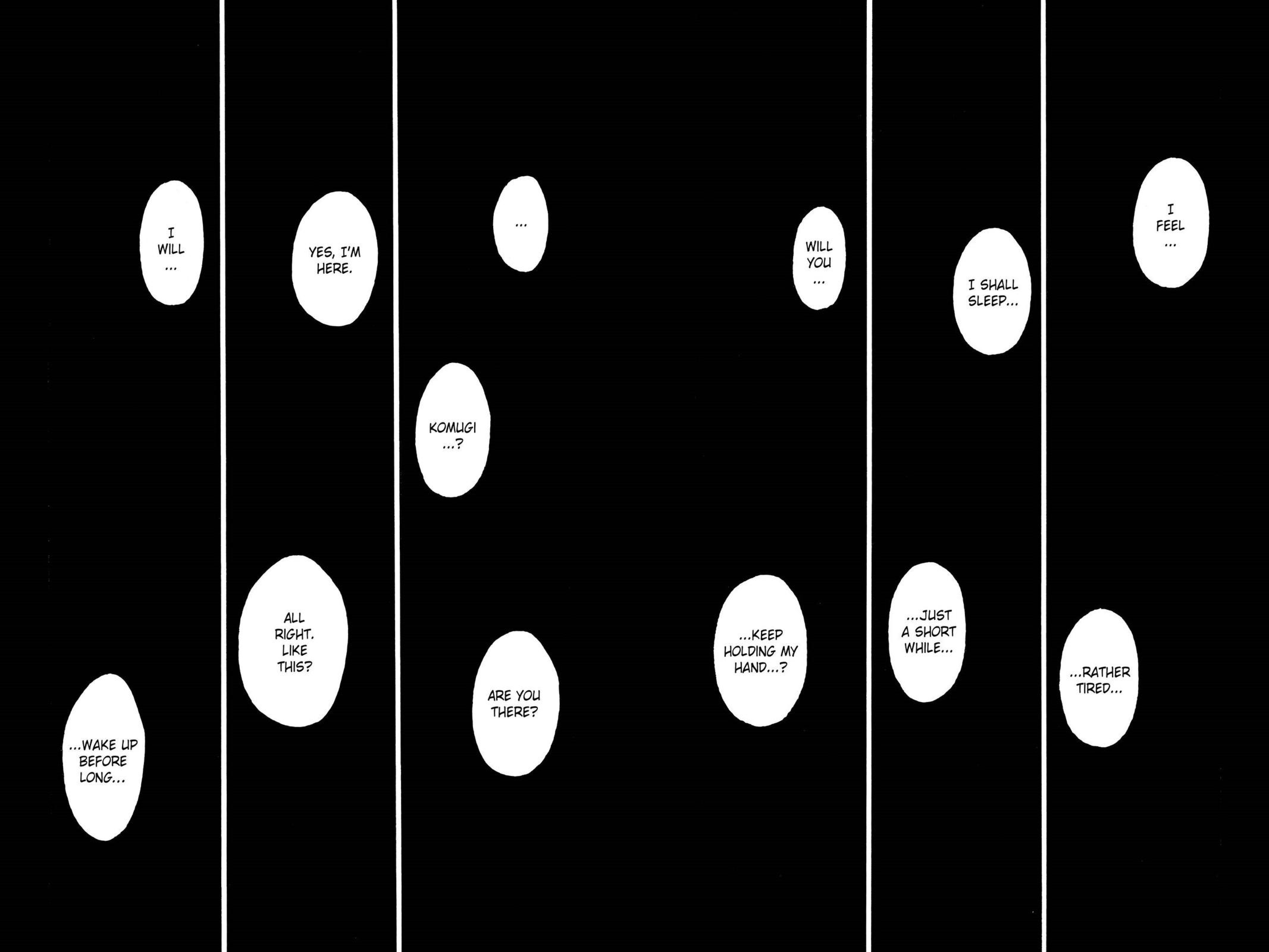
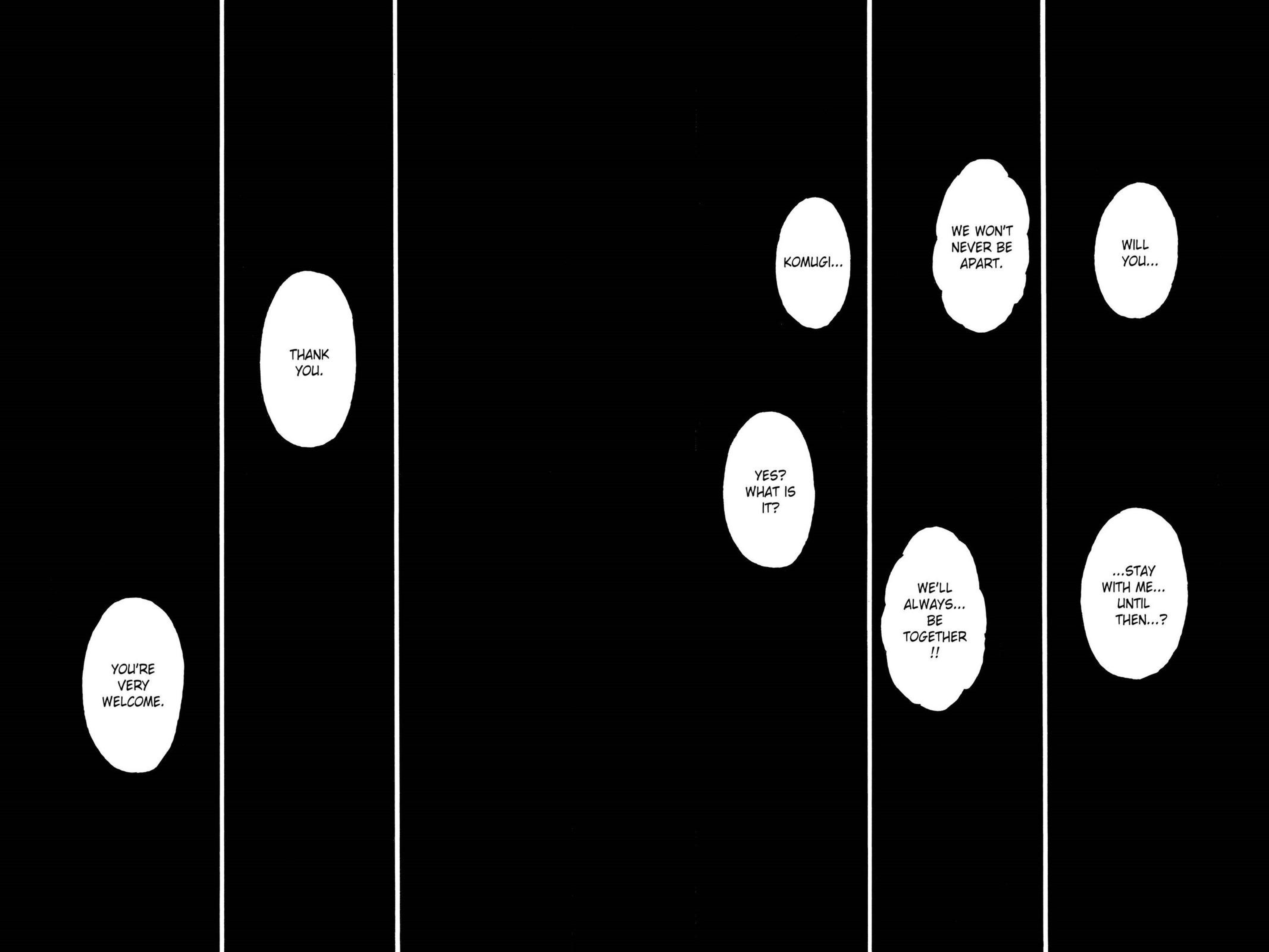
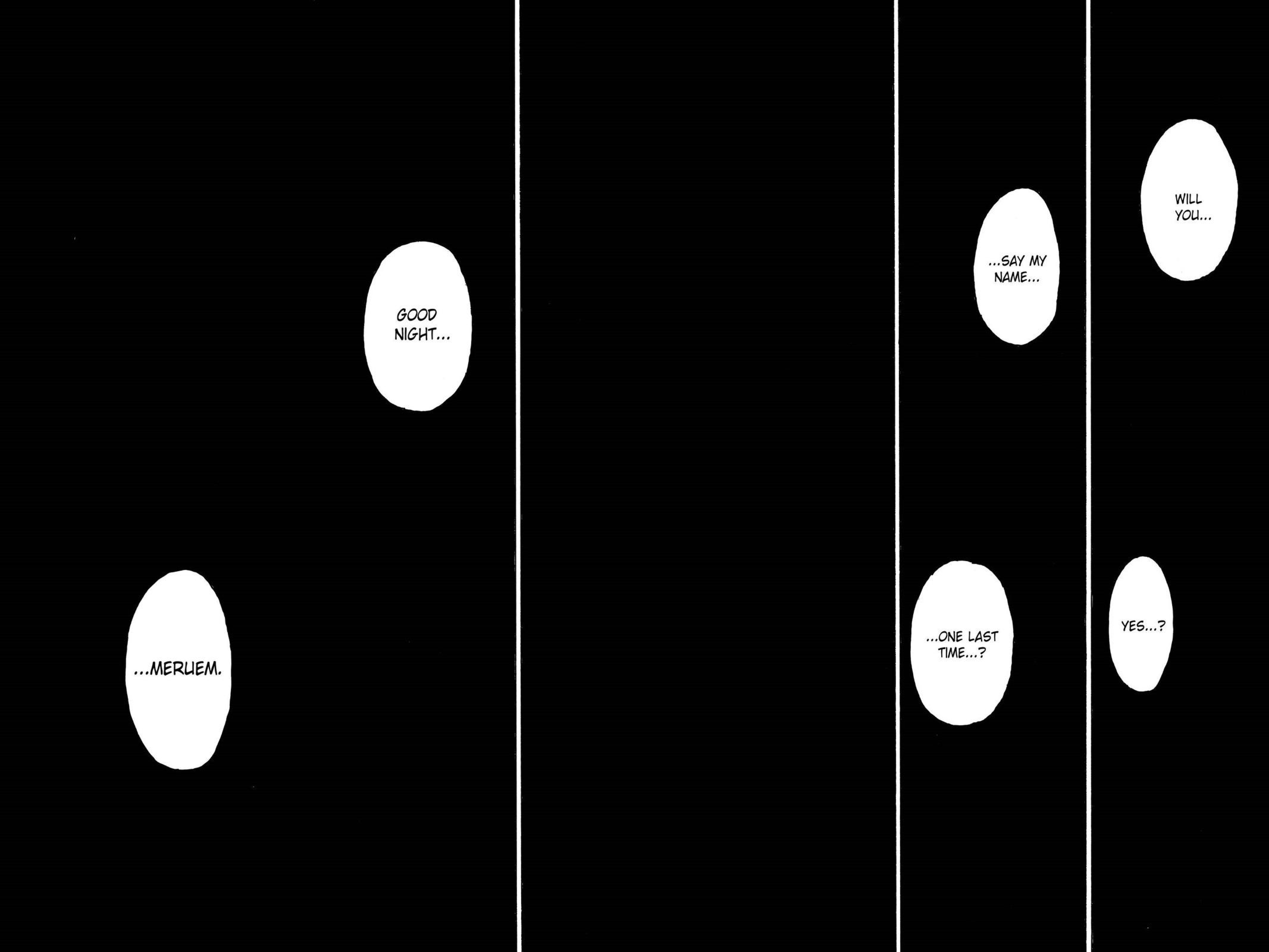
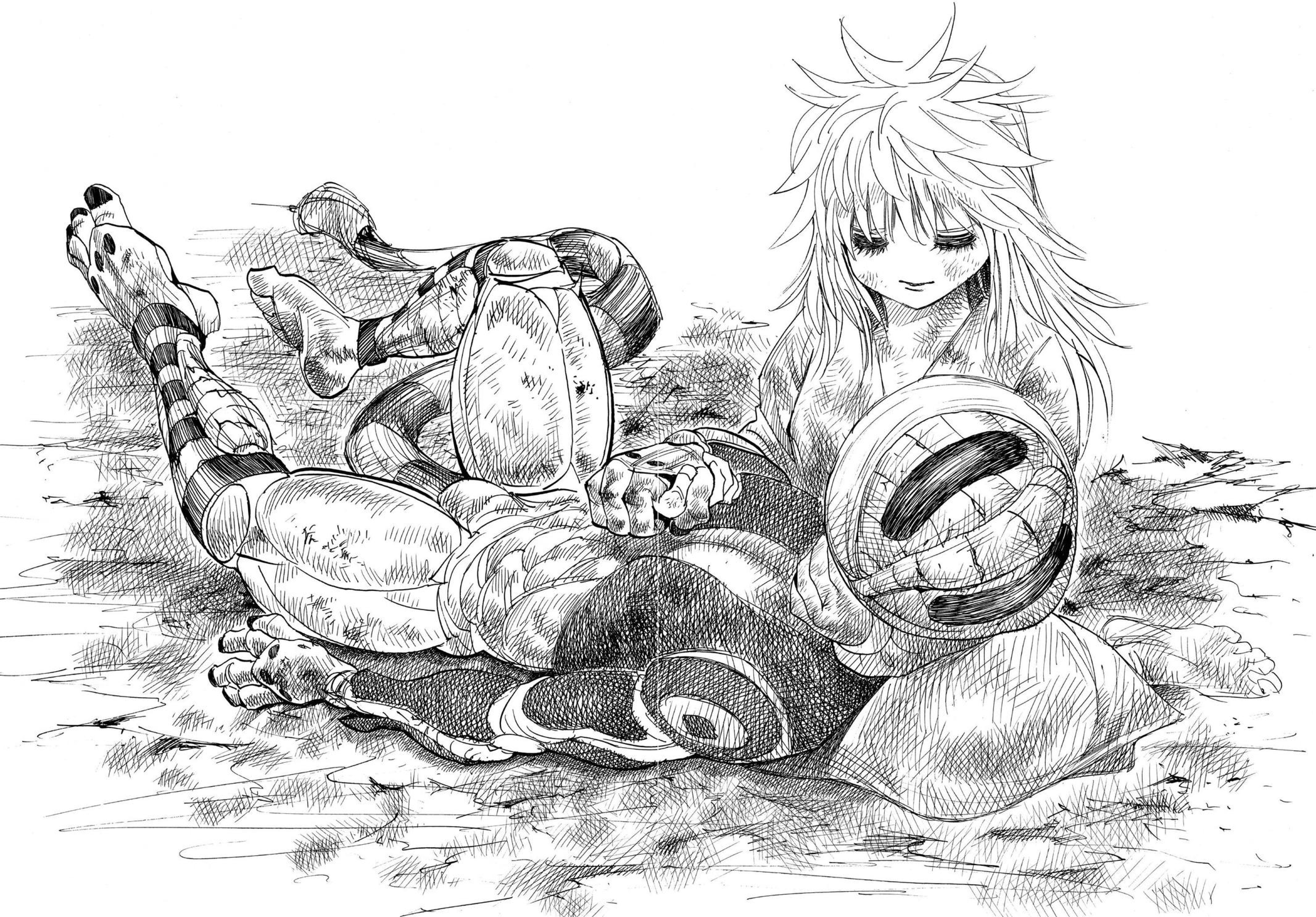
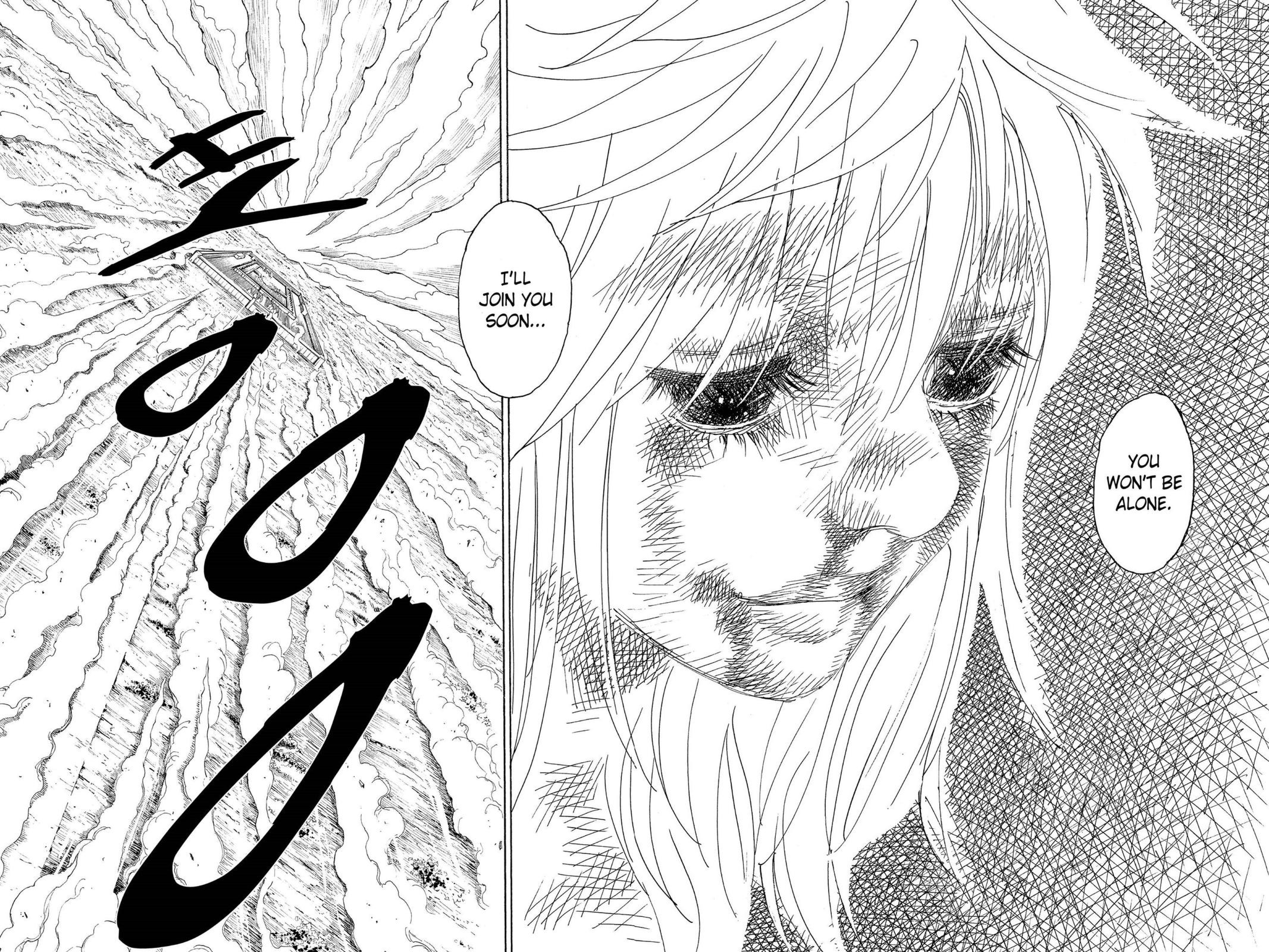

DUKE 4-5-1.
...
THAT'S MATE.
KOMUGI...
...ARE YOU THERE?
YES, I'M HERE.
TIME FOR ANOTHER GAME. LOSER STARTS FIRST!
KOMUGI...
YES?
WHAT IS IT?
I COULD...
...NEVER BEAT YOU, EVEN ONCE...
DON'T BE SILLY!!
WE'RE JUST GETTIN' STARTED!!
PERHAPS...
KING 1-5-1.
KING 9-5-1.
...
KOMUGI...
ARE YOU THERE...?
YES, OF COURSE.
IT'S YOUR TURN, LORD MERUEM.

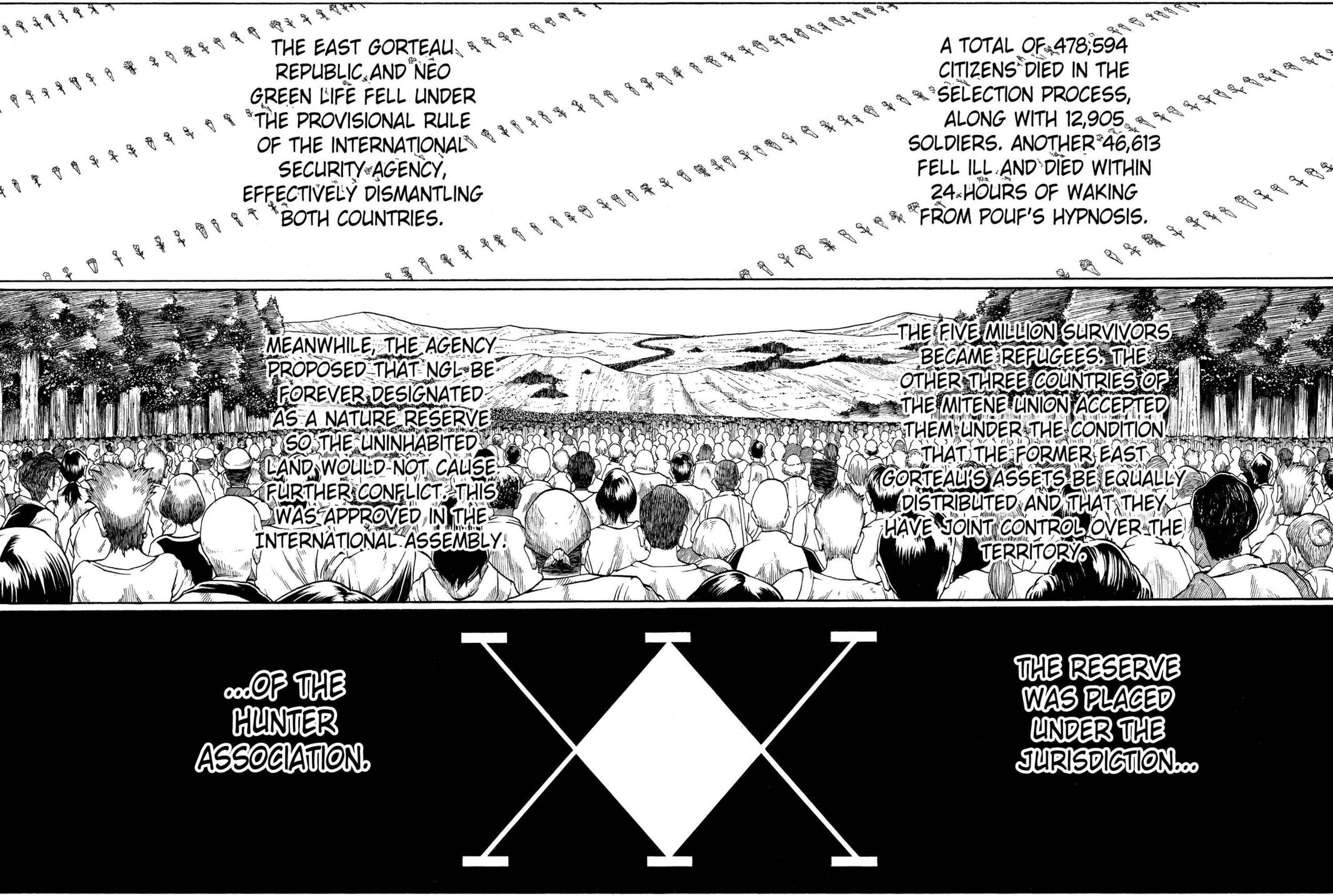

I FEEL …
…RATHER TIRED…
I SHALL SLEEP…
…JUST A SHORT WHILE…
WILL YOU …
…KEEP HOLDING MY HAND…?
…
KOMUGI …?
ARE YOU THERE?
YES, I'M HERE.
ALL RIGHT. LIKE THIS?
I WILL …
…WAKE UP BEFORE LONG…

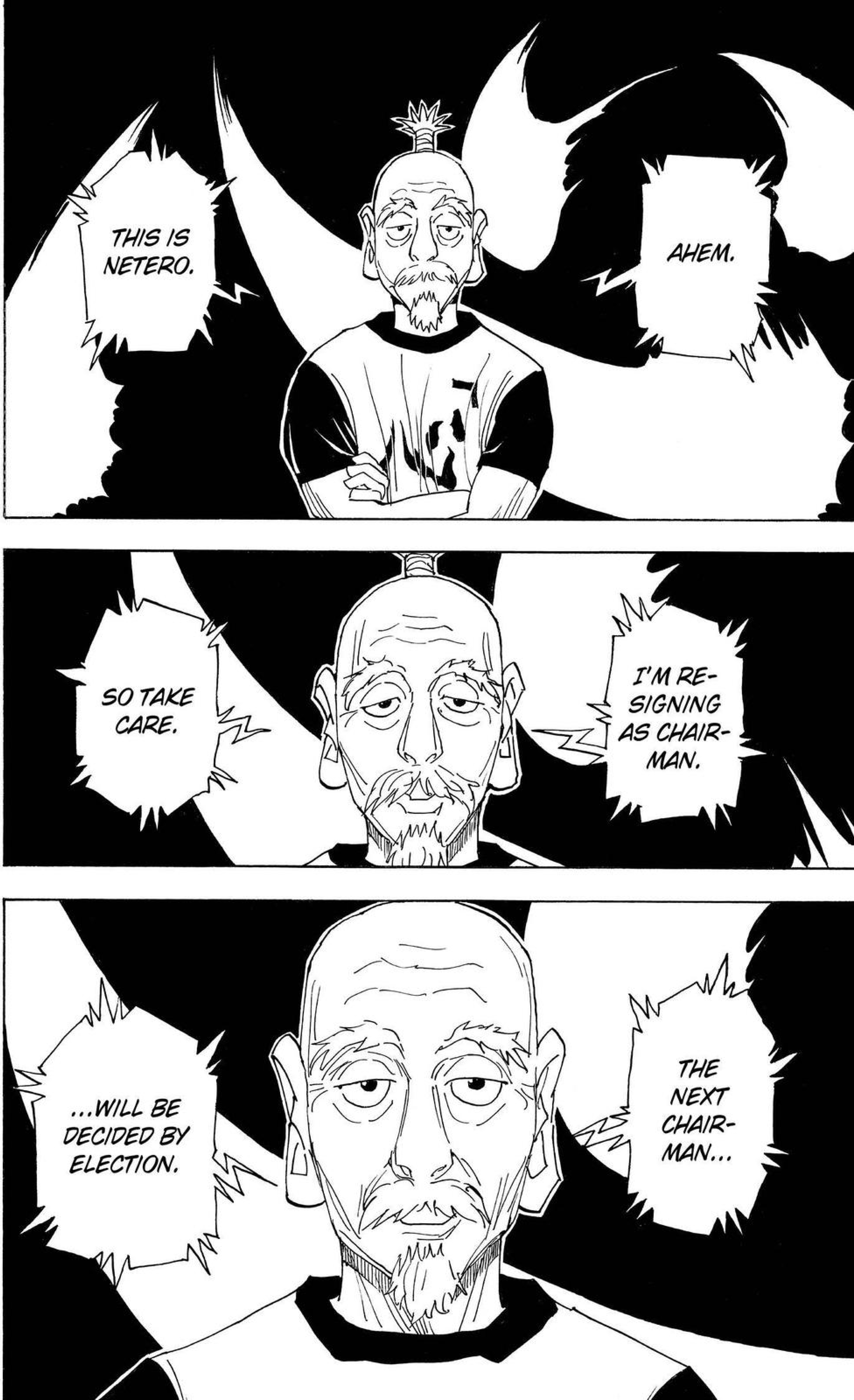

WILL YOU...
...STAY WITH ME... UNTIL THEN...?
WE WON'T NEVER BE APART.
WE'LL ALWAYS... BE TOGETHER !!
KOMUGI...
YES? WHAT IS IT?
THANK YOU.
YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.

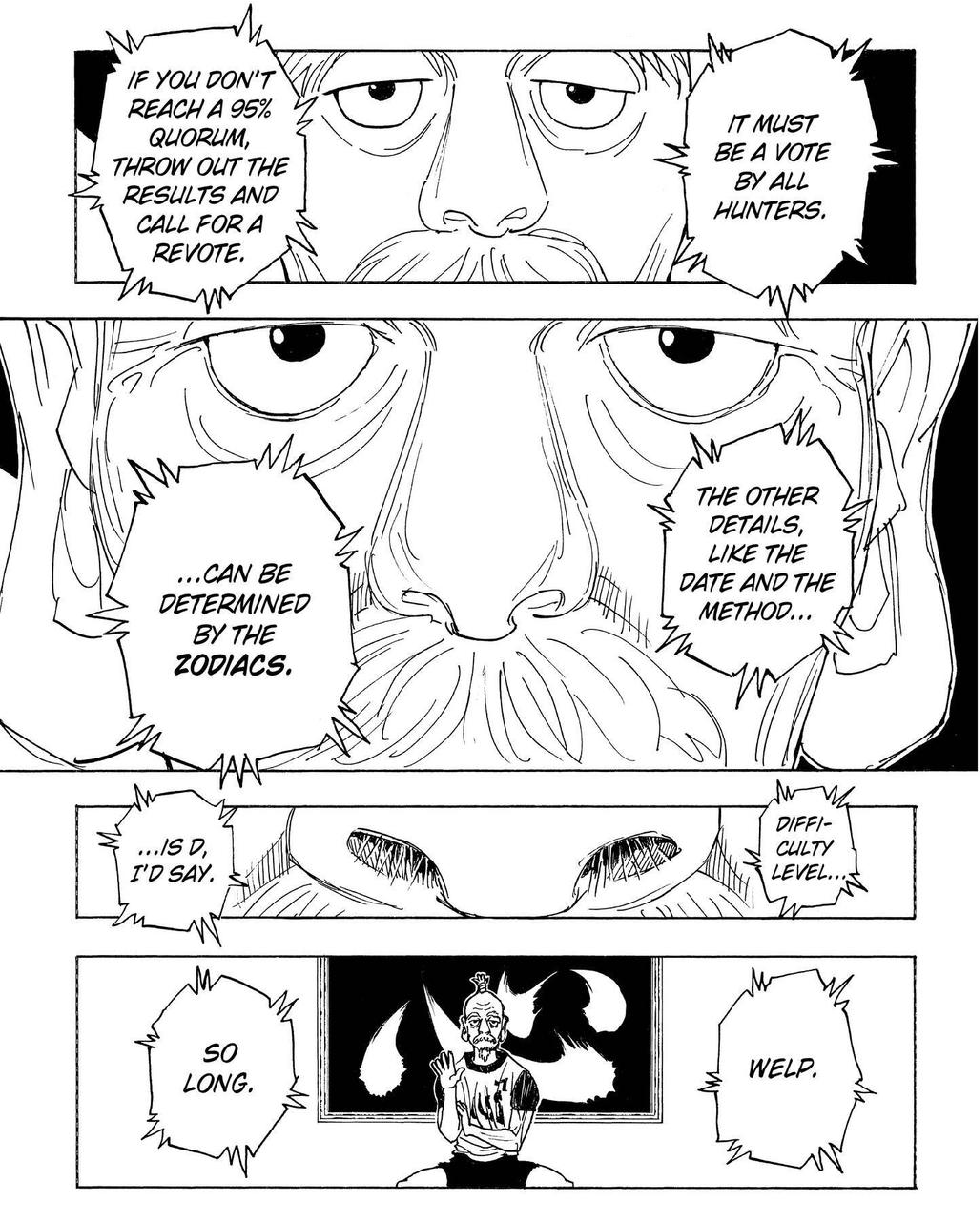

WILL YOU...
...SAY MY NAME...
...ONE LAST TIME...?
YES...?
GOOD NIGHT...
...MERUEM.

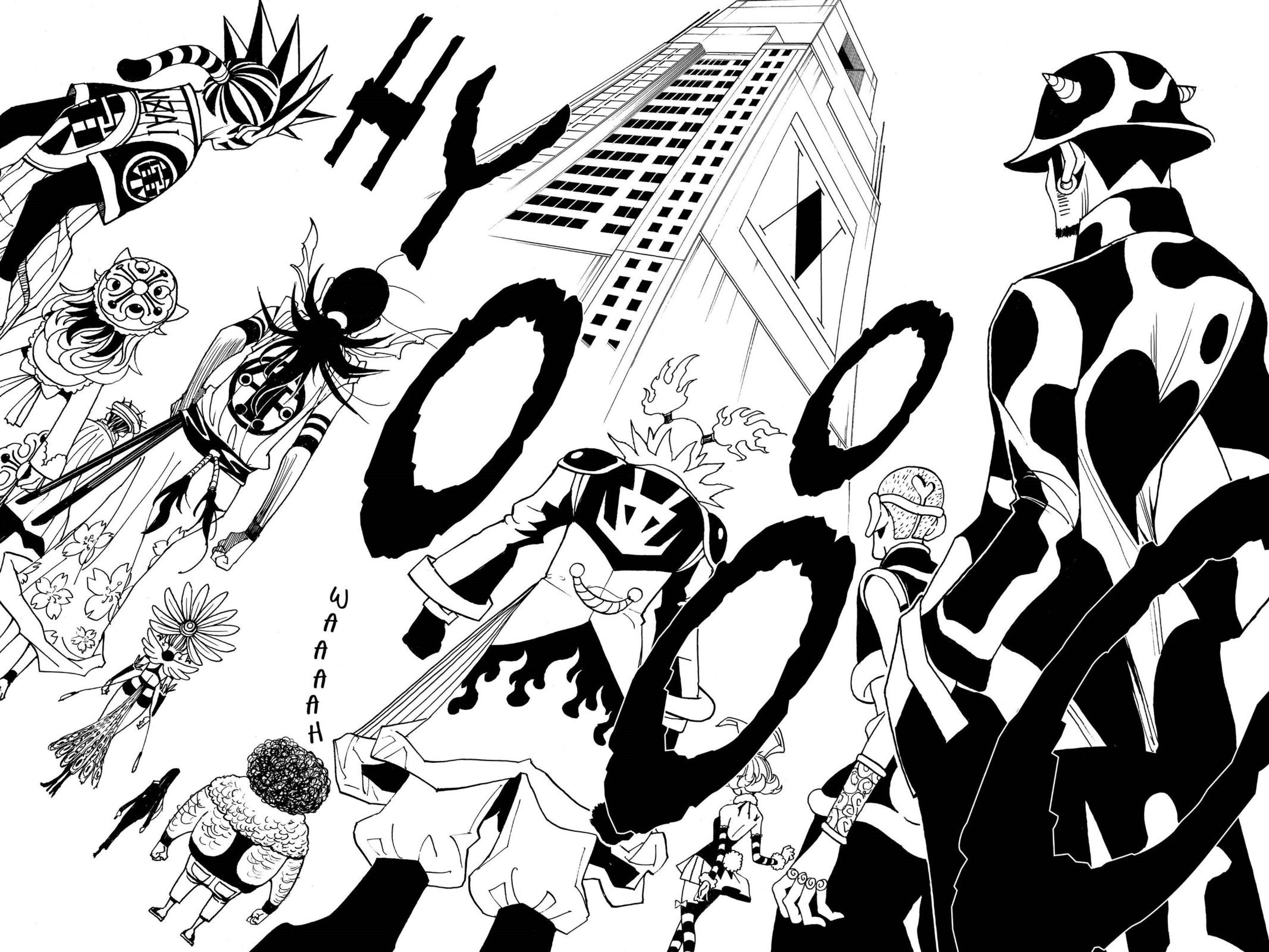



YOU WON'T BE ALONE.
I'LL JOIN YOU SOON...


A TOTAL OF 478,594 CITIZENS DIED IN THE SELECTION PROCESS, ALONG WITH 12,905 SOLDIERS. ANOTHER 46,613 FELL ILL AND DIED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF WAKING FROM POUF'S HYPNOSIS.
THE EAST GORTEAU REPUBLIC AND NEO GREEN LIFE FELL UNDER THE PROVISIONAL RULE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, EFFECTIVELY DISMANTLING BOTH COUNTRIES.
THE FIVE MILLION SURVIVORS BECAME REFUGEES. THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES OF THE MITENE UNION ACCEPTED THEM UNDER THE CONDITION THAT THE FORMER EAST GORTEAU'S ASSETS BE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED AND THAT THEY HAVE JOINT CONTROL OVER THE TERRITORY.
MEANWHILE, THE AGENCY PROPOSED THAT NGL BE FOREVER DESIGNATED AS A NATURE RESERVE SO THE UNINHABITED LAND WOULD NOT CAUSE FURTHER CONFLICT. THIS WAS APPROVED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
THE RESERVE WAS PLACED UNDER THE JURISDICTION...
...OF THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION.


AHEM.
THIS IS NETERO.
I'M RESIGNING AS CHAIRMAN.
SO TAKE CARE.
THE NEXT CHAIRMAN...
...WILL BE DECIDED BY ELECTION.


IT MUST BE A VOTE BY ALL HUNTERS.
IF YOU DON'T REACH A 95% QUORUM, THROW OUT THE RESULTS AND CALL FOR A REVOTE.
THE OTHER DETAILS, LIKE THE DATE AND THE METHOD...
...CAN BE DETERMINED BY THE **ZODIACS.**
DIFFICULTY LEVEL...
...IS D, I'D SAY.
WELP.
SO LONG.


HYOOOO
WAAAAAH

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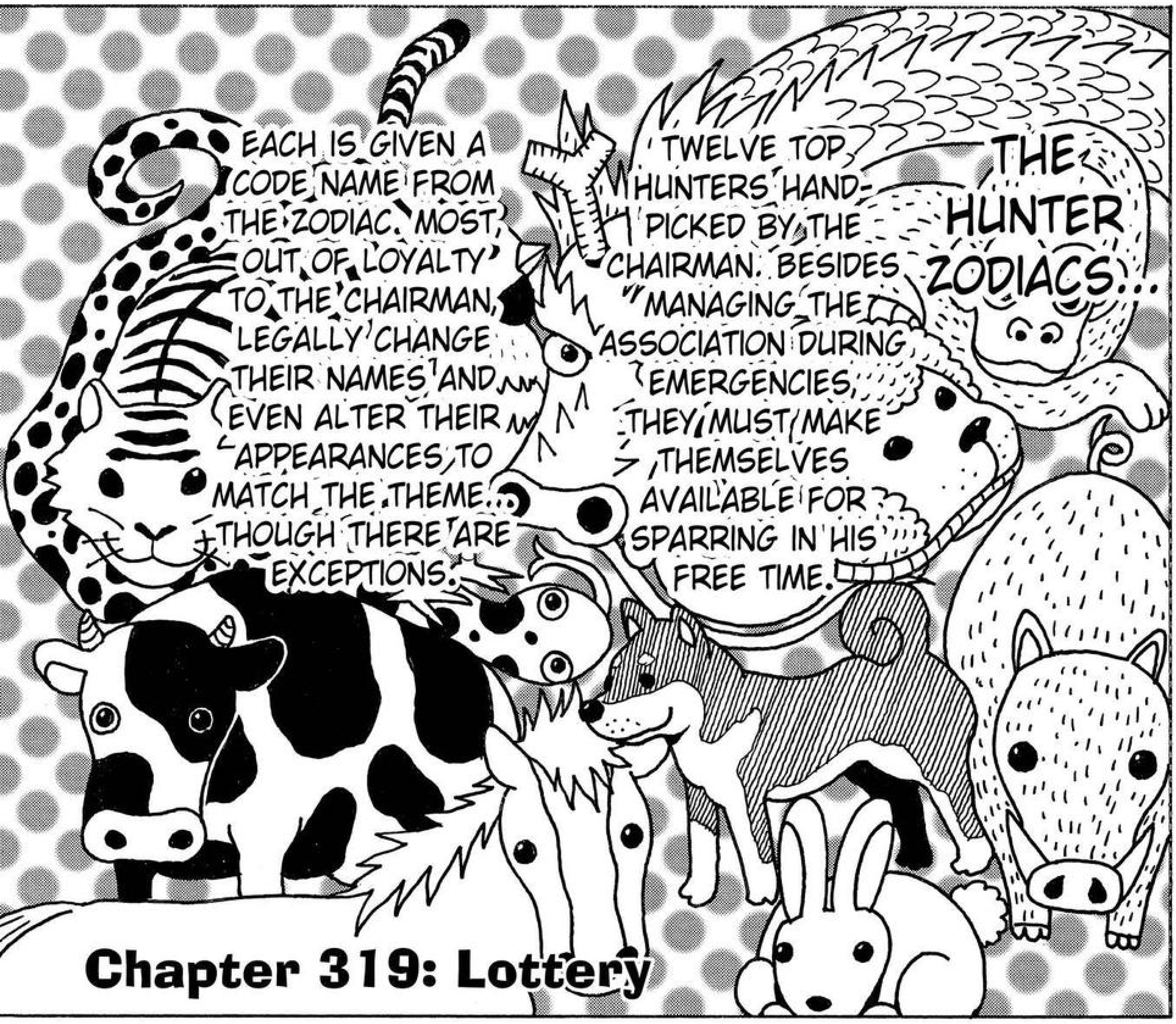
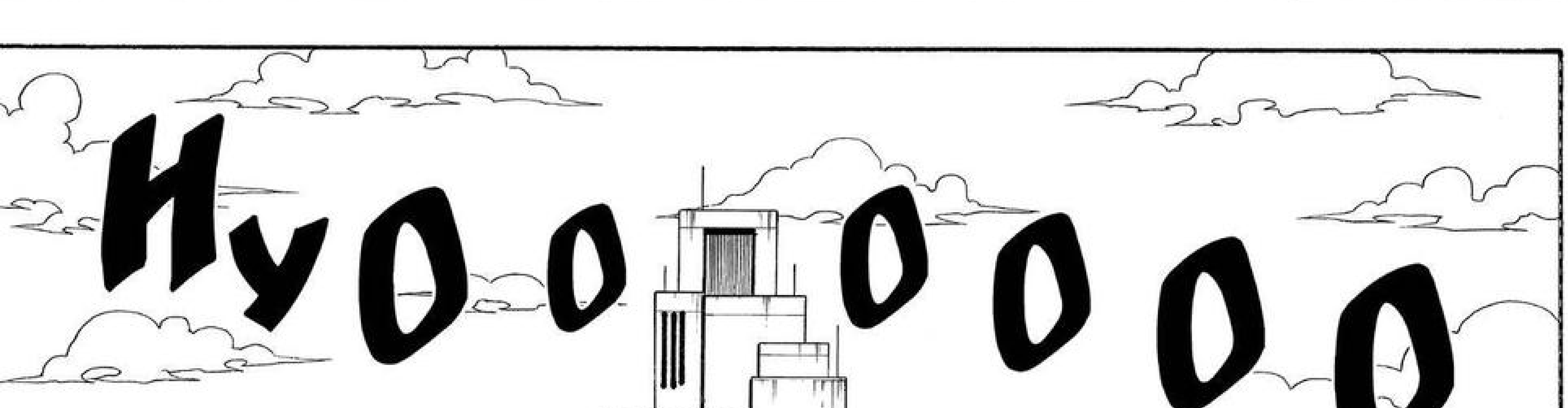
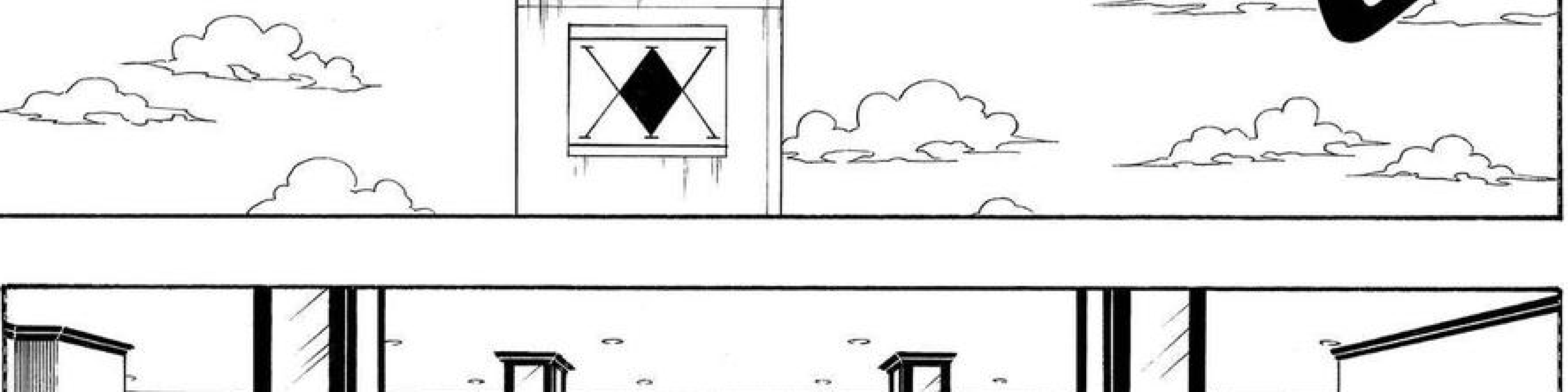
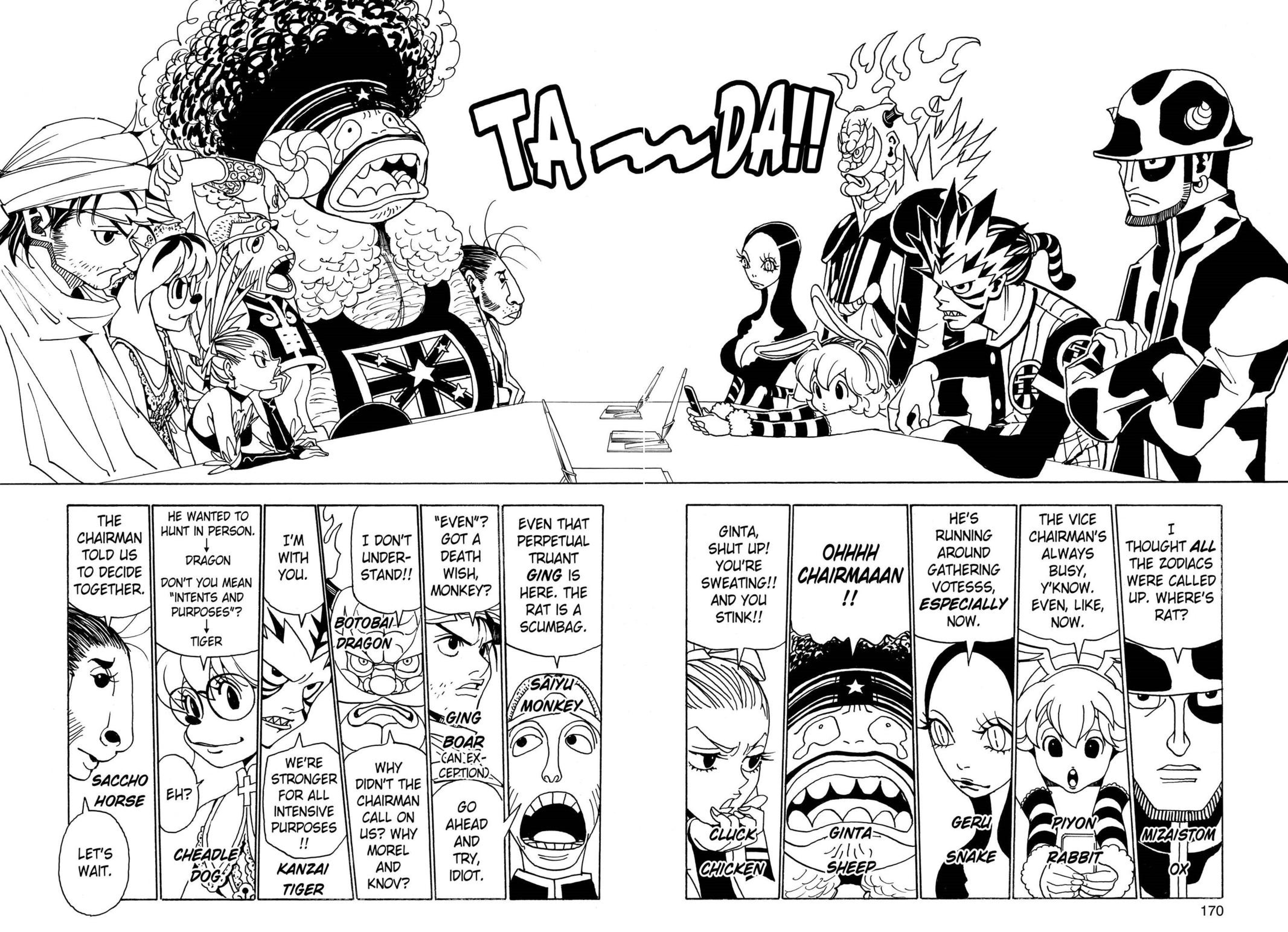
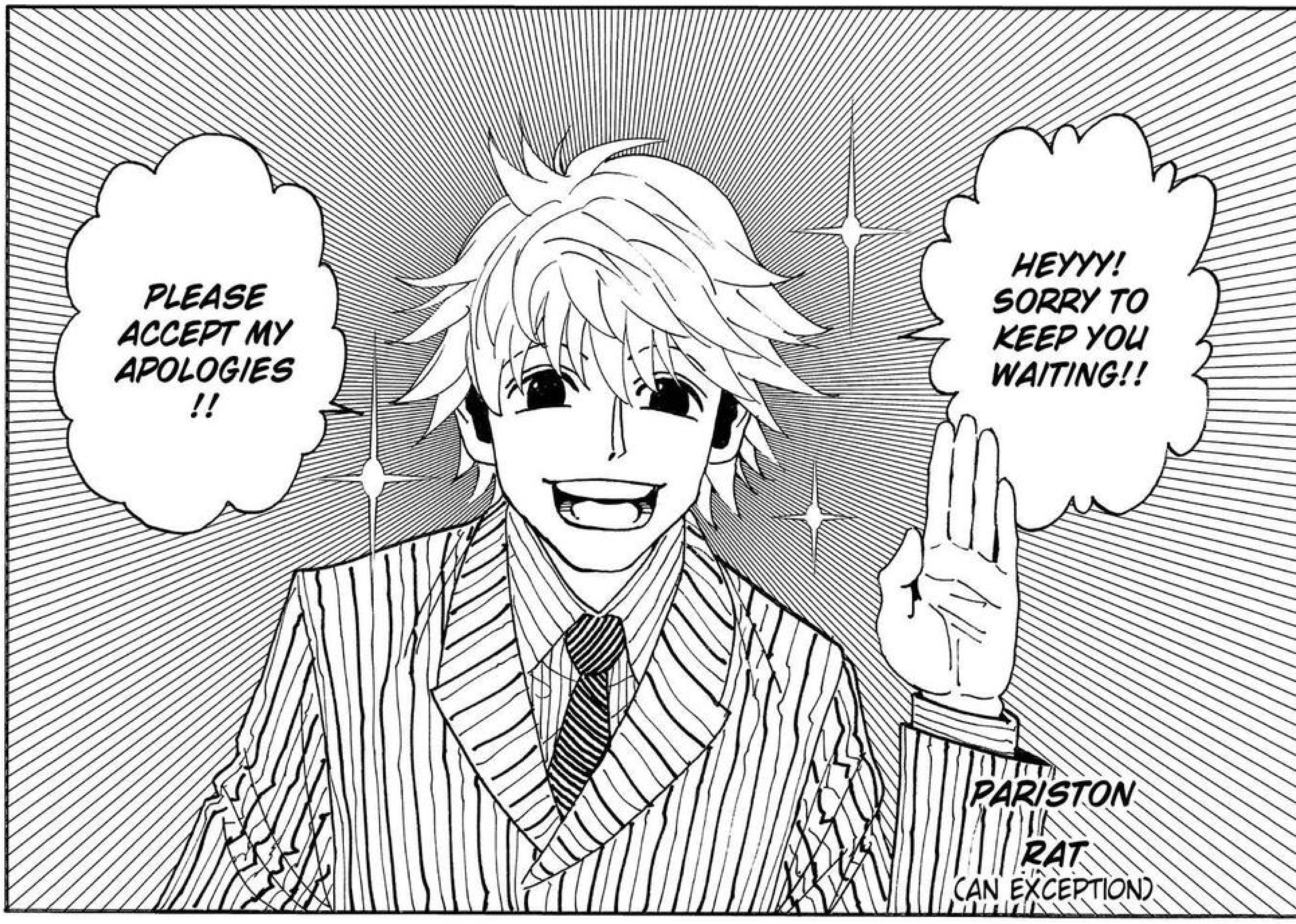
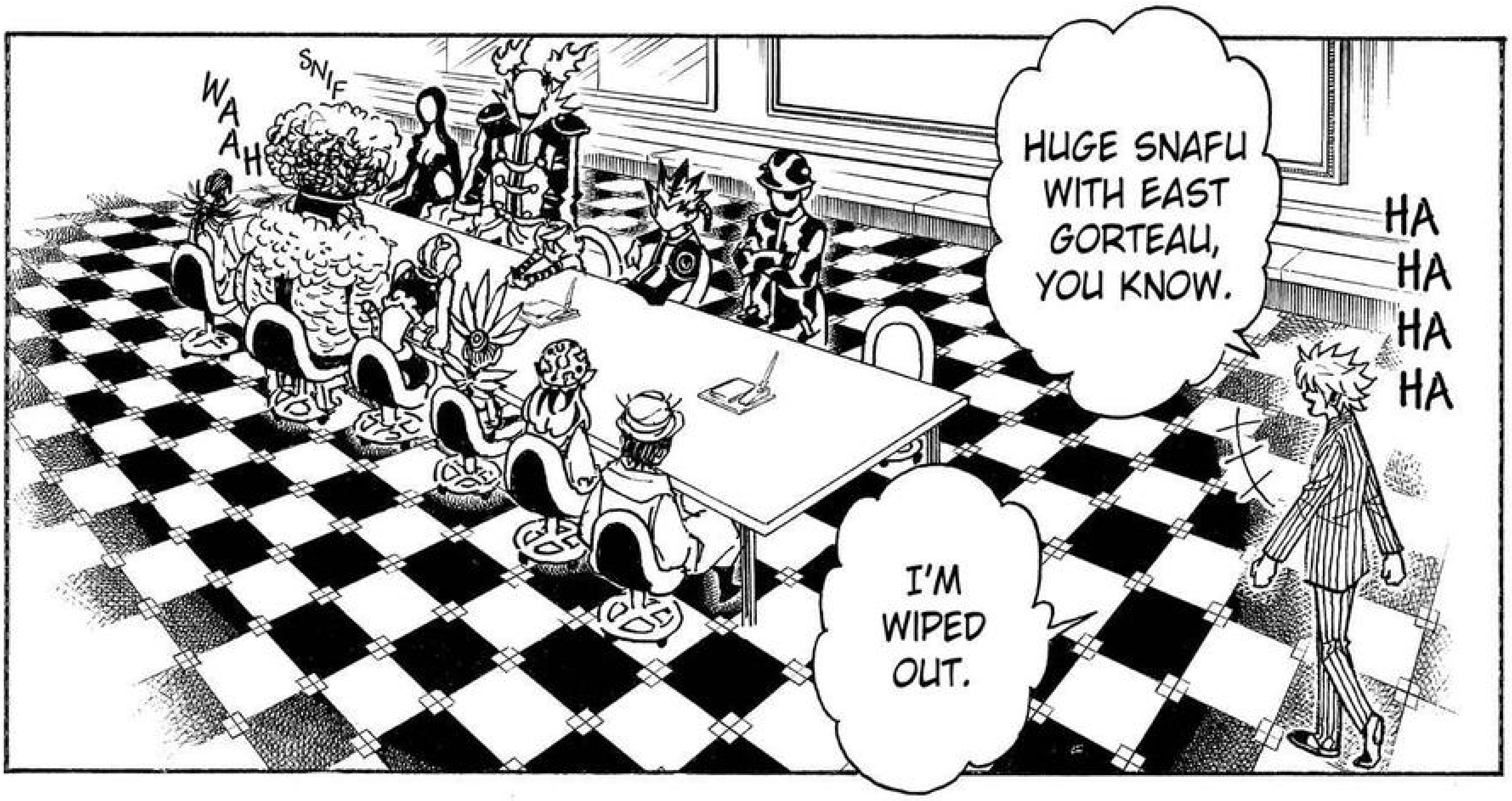

THE HUNTER ZODIACS...
TWELVE TOP HUNTERS HAND-PICKED BY THE CHAIRMAN. BESIDES MANAGING THE ASSOCIATION DURING EMERGENCIES, THEY MUST MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE FOR SPARRING IN HIS FREE TIME.
EACH IS GIVEN A CODE NAME FROM THE ZODIAC. MOST, OUT OF LOYALTY TO THE CHAIRMAN, LEGALLY CHANGE THEIR NAMES AND EVEN ALTER THEIR APPEARANCES TO MATCH THE THEME... THOUGH THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS.

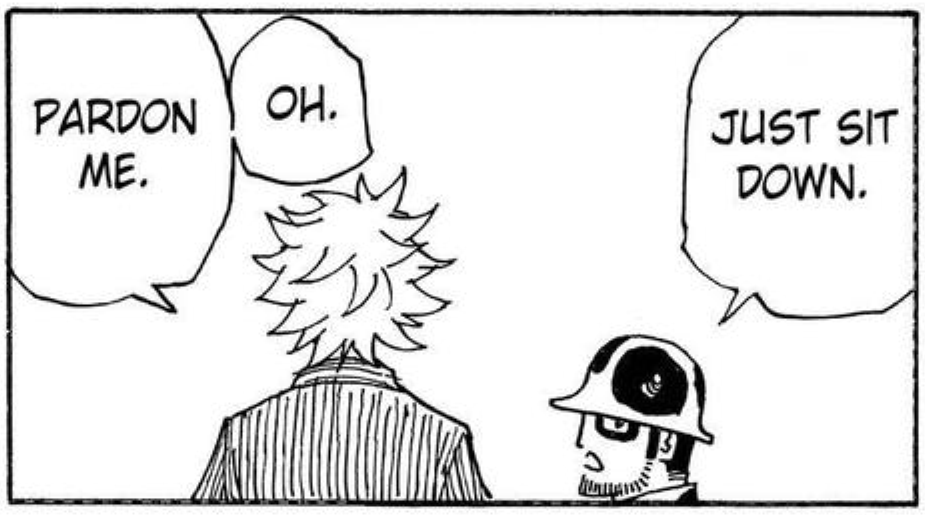


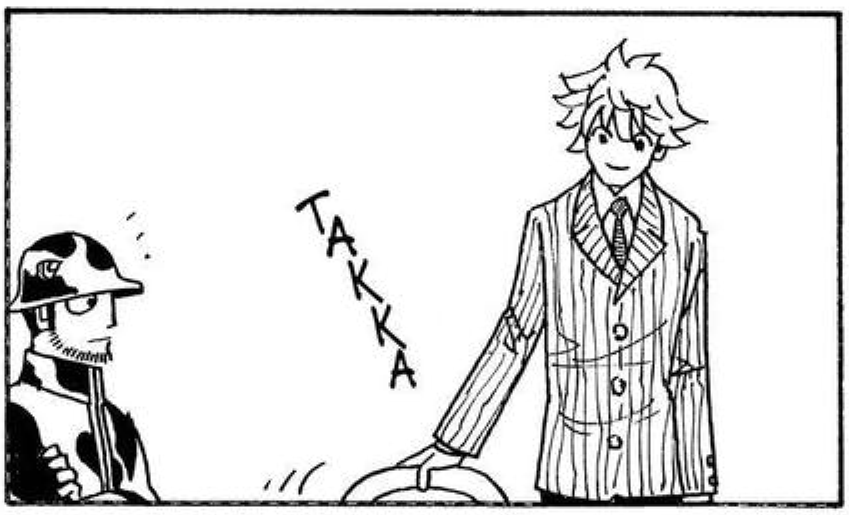


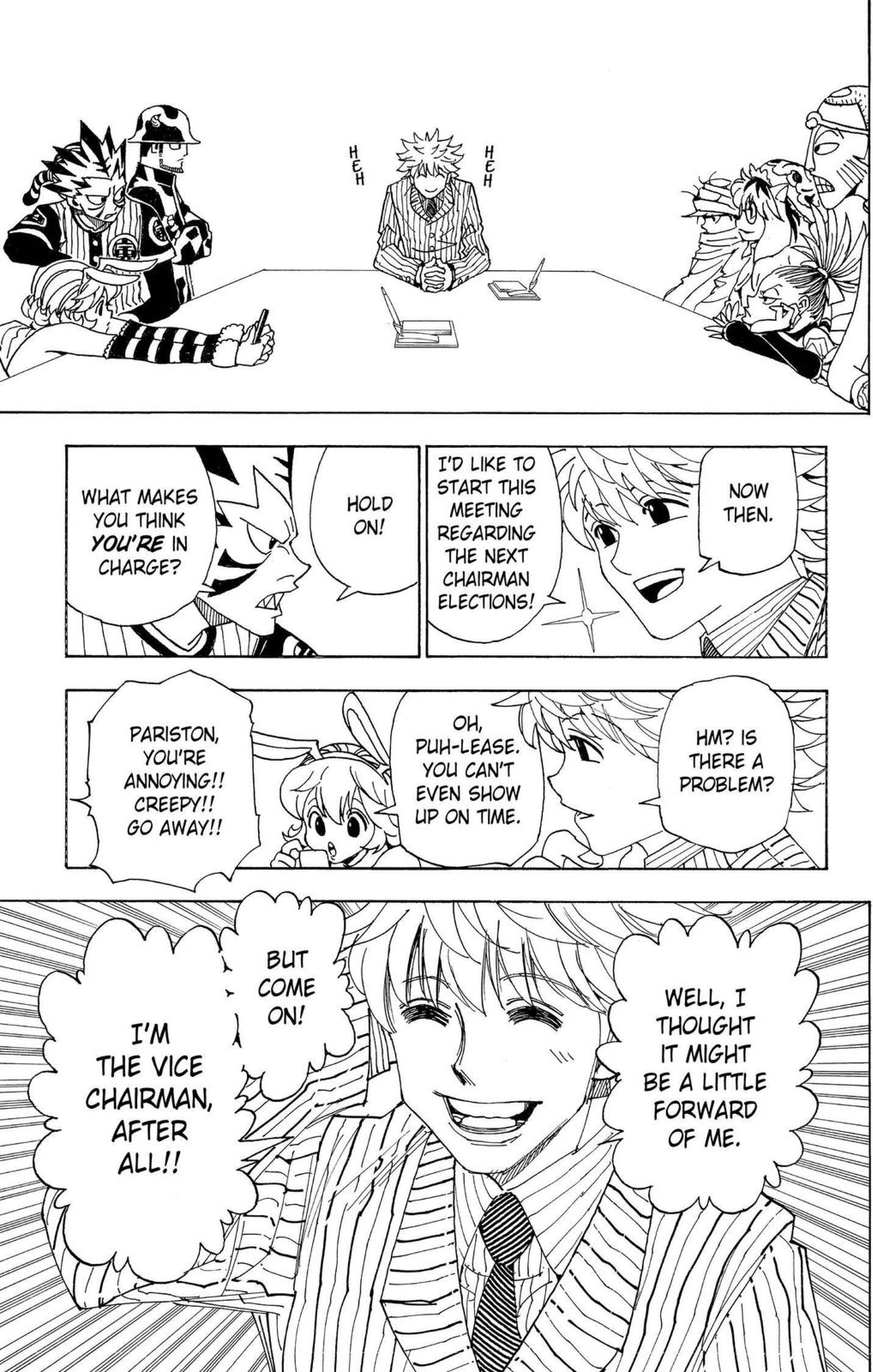

TA~~DA!!
I THOUGHT ALL THE ZODIACS WERE CALLED UP. WHERE'S RAT?
MIZAISTOM OX
THE VICE CHAIRMAN'S ALWAYS BUSY, Y'KNOW. EVEN, LIKE, NOW.
PIYON RABBIT
HE'S RUNNING AROUND GATHERING VOTESSS, ESPECIALLY NOW.
GERU SNAKE
OHHHH CHAIRMAAAN !!
GINTA SHEEP
GINTA, SHUT UP! YOU'RE SWEATING!! AND YOU STINK!!
CLUCK CHICKEN
EVEN THAT PERPETUAL TRUANT GING IS HERE. THE RAT IS A SCUMBAG.
SAIYU MONKEY
"EVEN"? GOT A DEATH WISH, MONKEY?
GING BOAR (AN EXCEPTION)
GO AHEAD AND TRY, IDIOT.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!!
BOTOBAI DRAGON
WHY DIDN'T THE CHAIRMAN CALL ON US? WHY MOREL AND KNOV?
I'M WITH YOU.
WE'RE STRONGER FOR ALL INTENSIVE PURPOSES !!
KANZAI TIGER
HE WANTED TO HUNT IN PERSON. ↓ DRAGON DON'T YOU MEAN "INTENTS AND PURPOSES"? ↓ TIGER
EH?
CHEADLE DOG
THE CHAIRMAN TOLD US TO DECIDE TOGETHER.
SACCHO HORSE
LET'S WAIT.

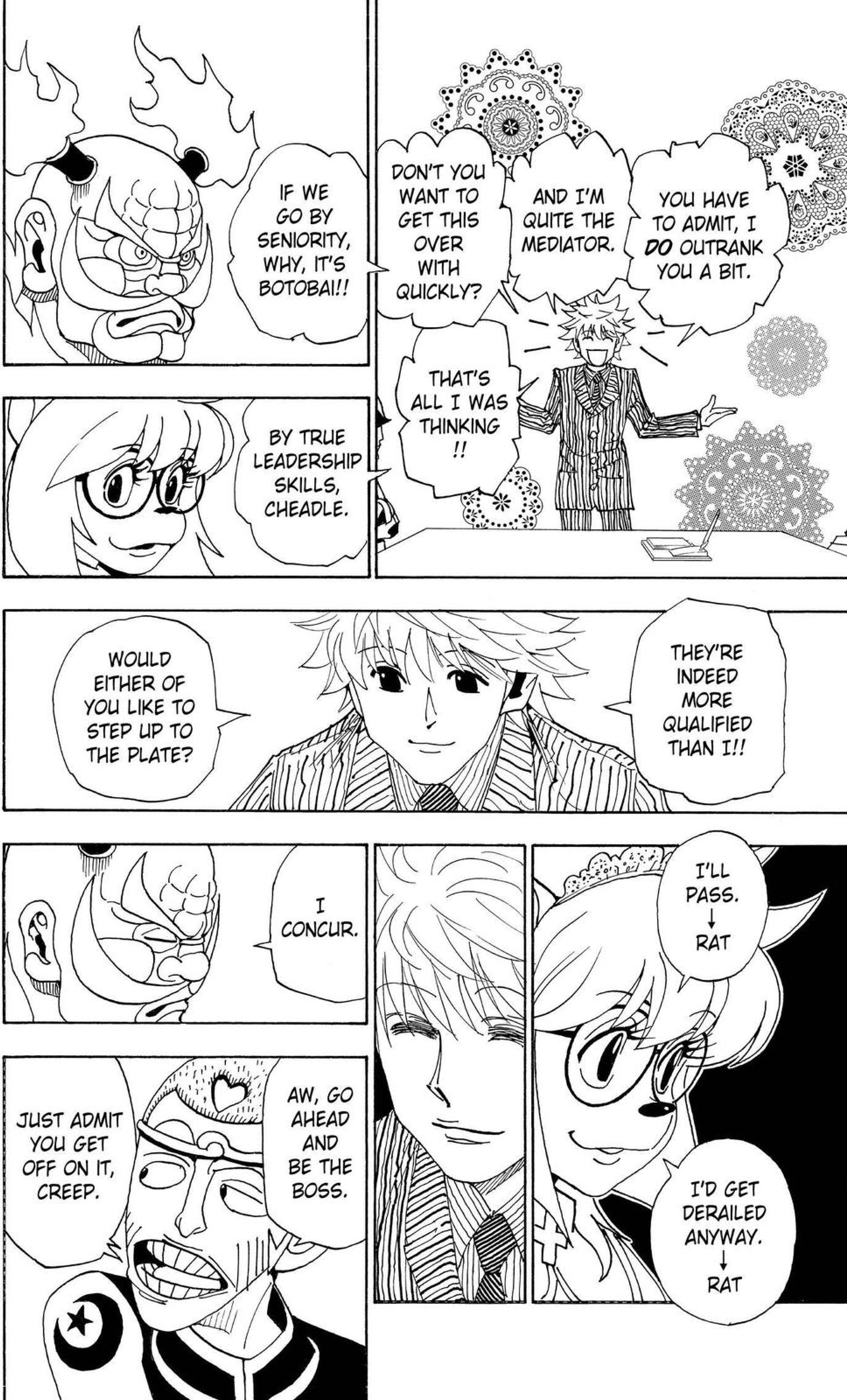

HEYYY! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!!
PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES!!
PARISTON RAT
(AN EXCEPTION)

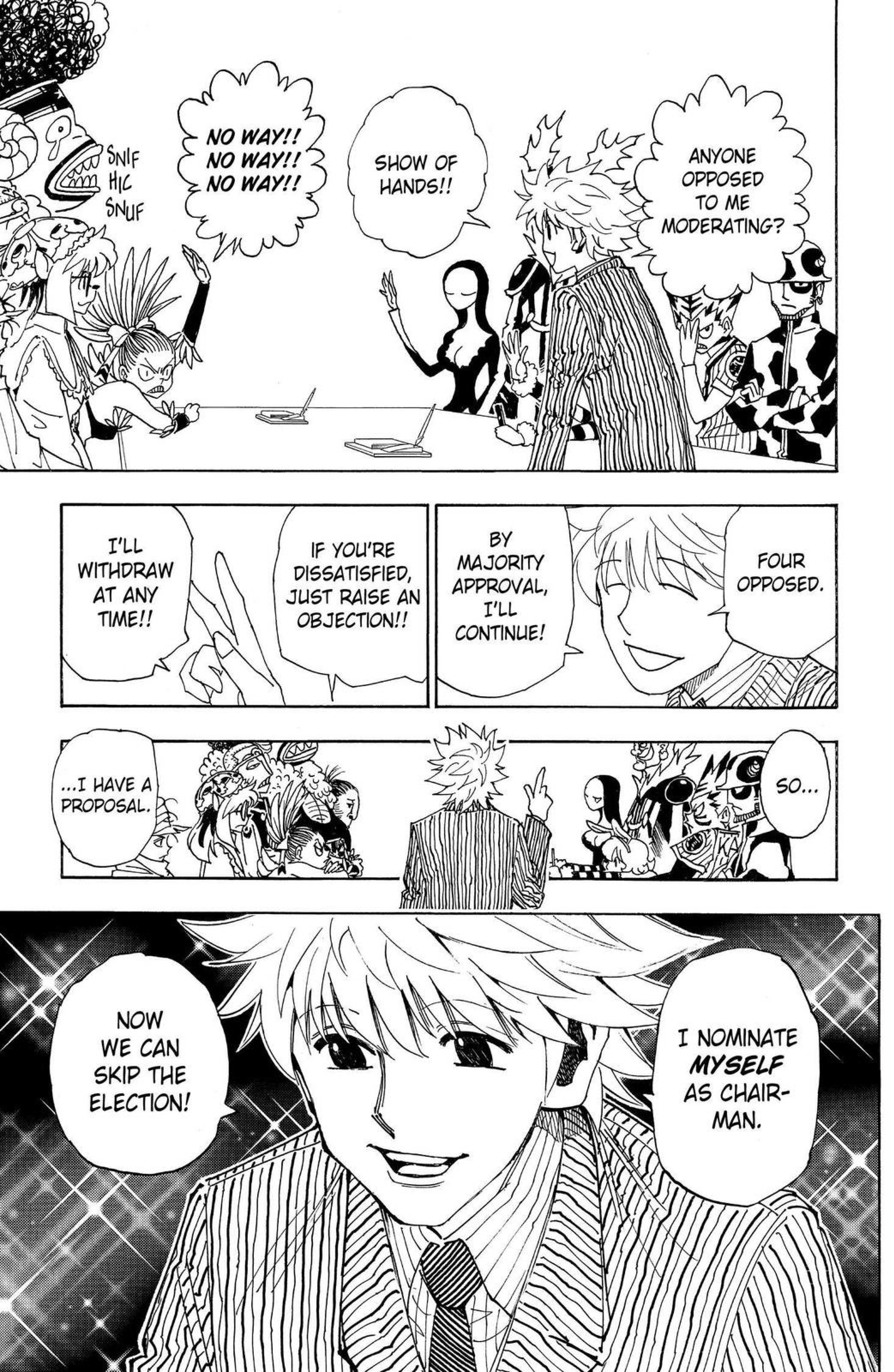

HA HA HA HA
HUGE SNAFU WITH EAST GORTEAU, YOU KNOW.
I'M WIPED OUT.
SNIF
WAAH

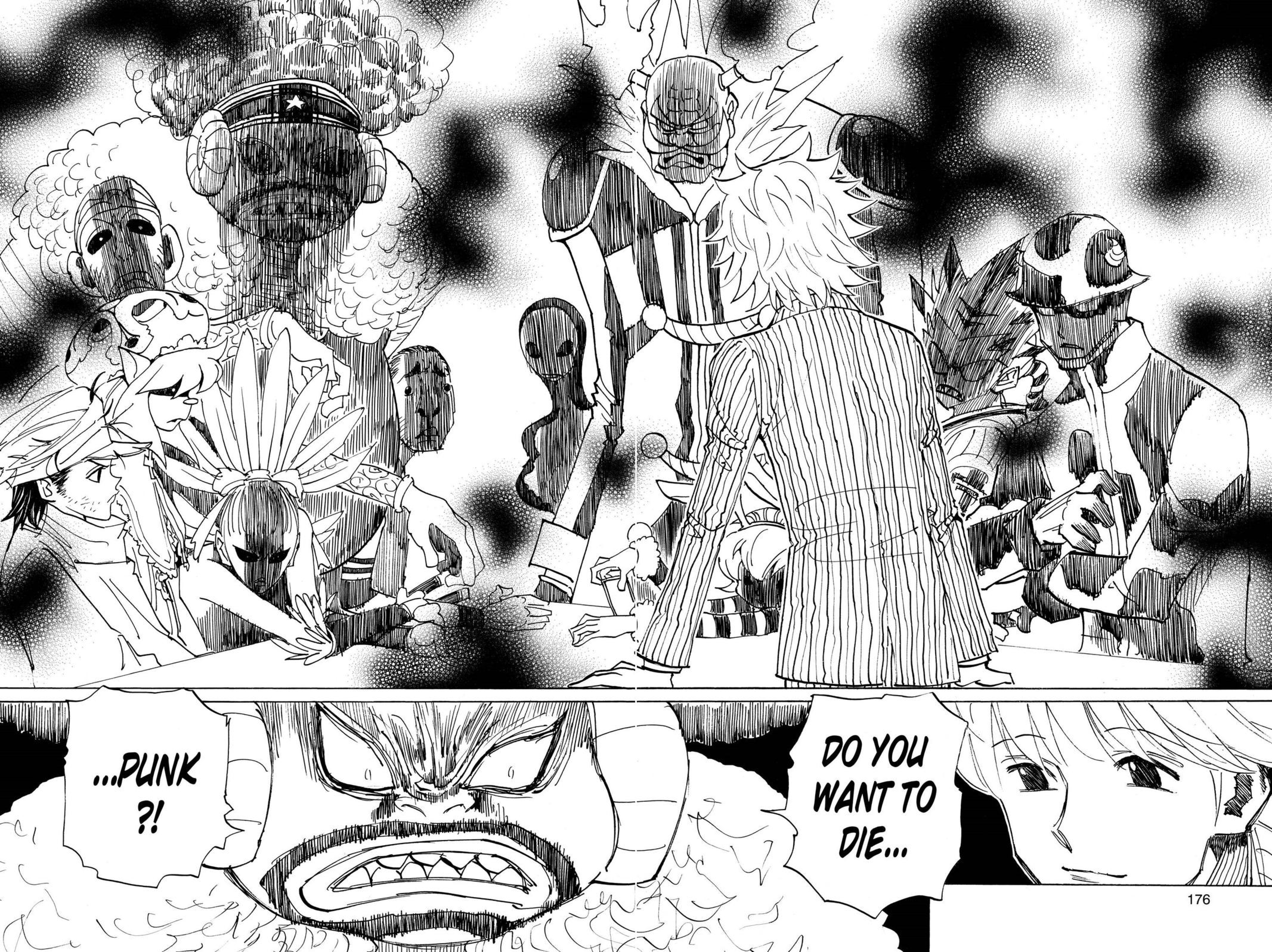

JUST SIT DOWN.
OH.
PARDON ME.

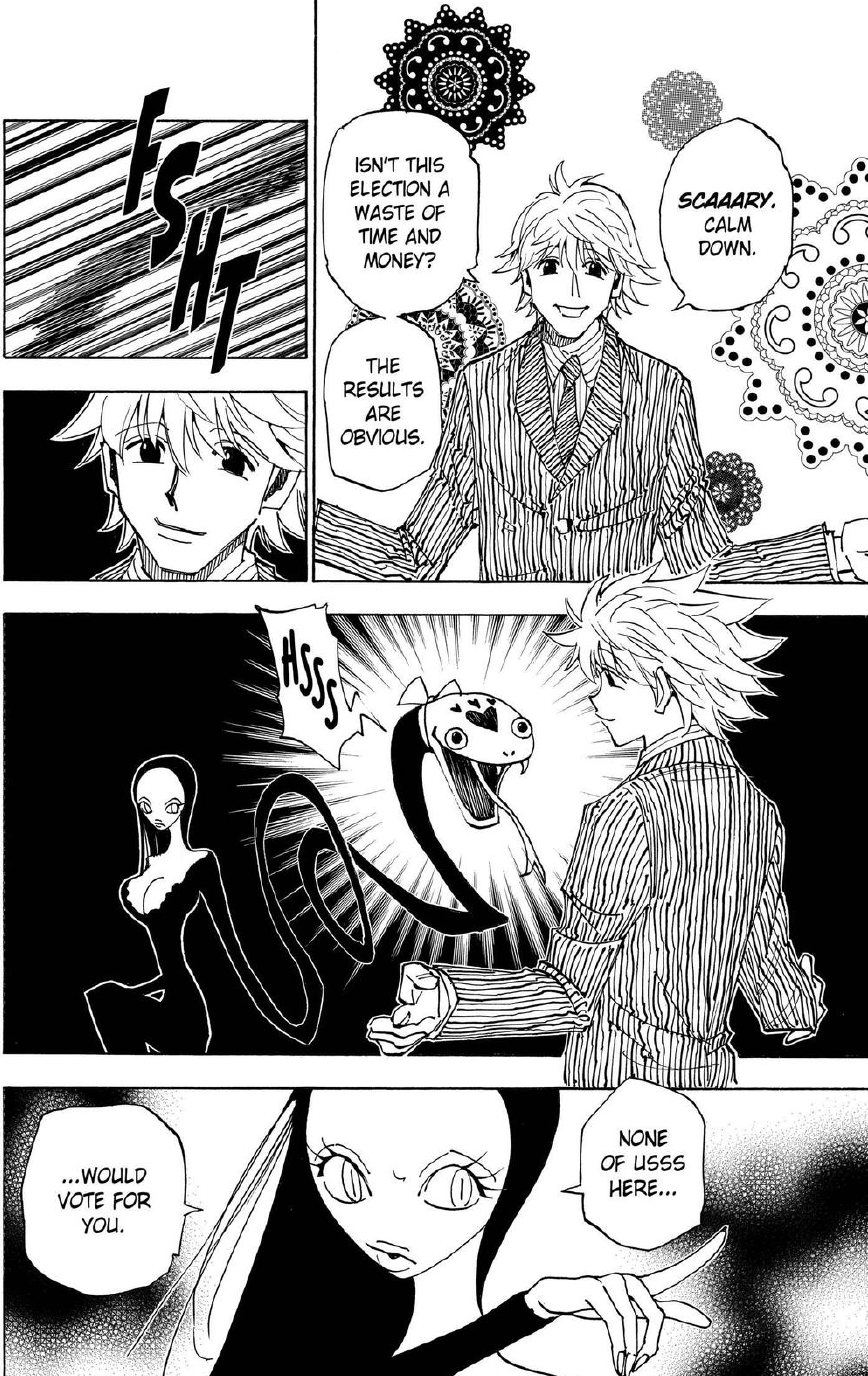

TAKKA


HEH HEH
NOW THEN.
I'D LIKE TO START THIS MEETING REGARDING THE NEXT CHAIRMAN ELECTIONS!
HOLD ON!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK *YOU'RE* IN CHARGE?
HM? IS THERE A PROBLEM?
OH, PUH-LEASE. YOU CAN'T EVEN SHOW UP ON TIME.
PARISTON, YOU'RE ANNOYING!! CREEPY!! GO AWAY!!
WELL, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE FORWARD OF ME.
BUT COME ON!
I'M THE VICE CHAIRMAN, AFTER ALL!!

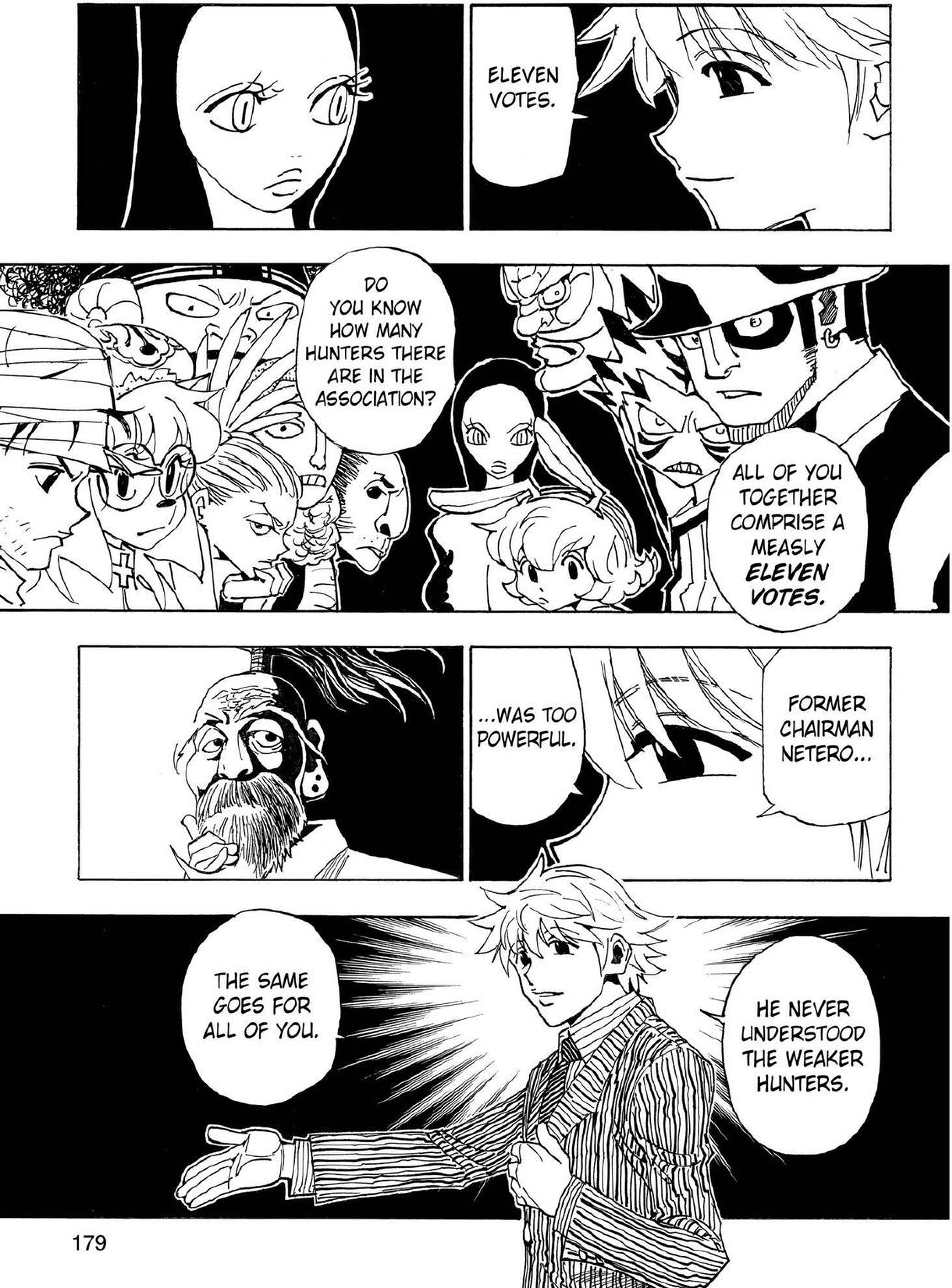

YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, I **DO** OUTRANK YOU A BIT.
AND I'M QUITE THE MEDIATOR.
DON'T YOU WANT TO GET THIS OVER WITH QUICKLY?
THAT'S ALL I WAS THINKING!!
IF WE GO BY SENIORITY, WHY, IT'S BOTOBAI!!
BY TRUE LEADERSHIP SKILLS, CHEADLE.
THEY'RE INDEED MORE QUALIFIED THAN I!!
WOULD EITHER OF YOU LIKE TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE?
I'LL PASS. ↓ RAT
I'D GET DERAILED ANYWAY. ↓ RAT
I CONCUR.
AW, GO AHEAD AND BE THE BOSS.
JUST ADMIT YOU GET OFF ON IT, CREEP.

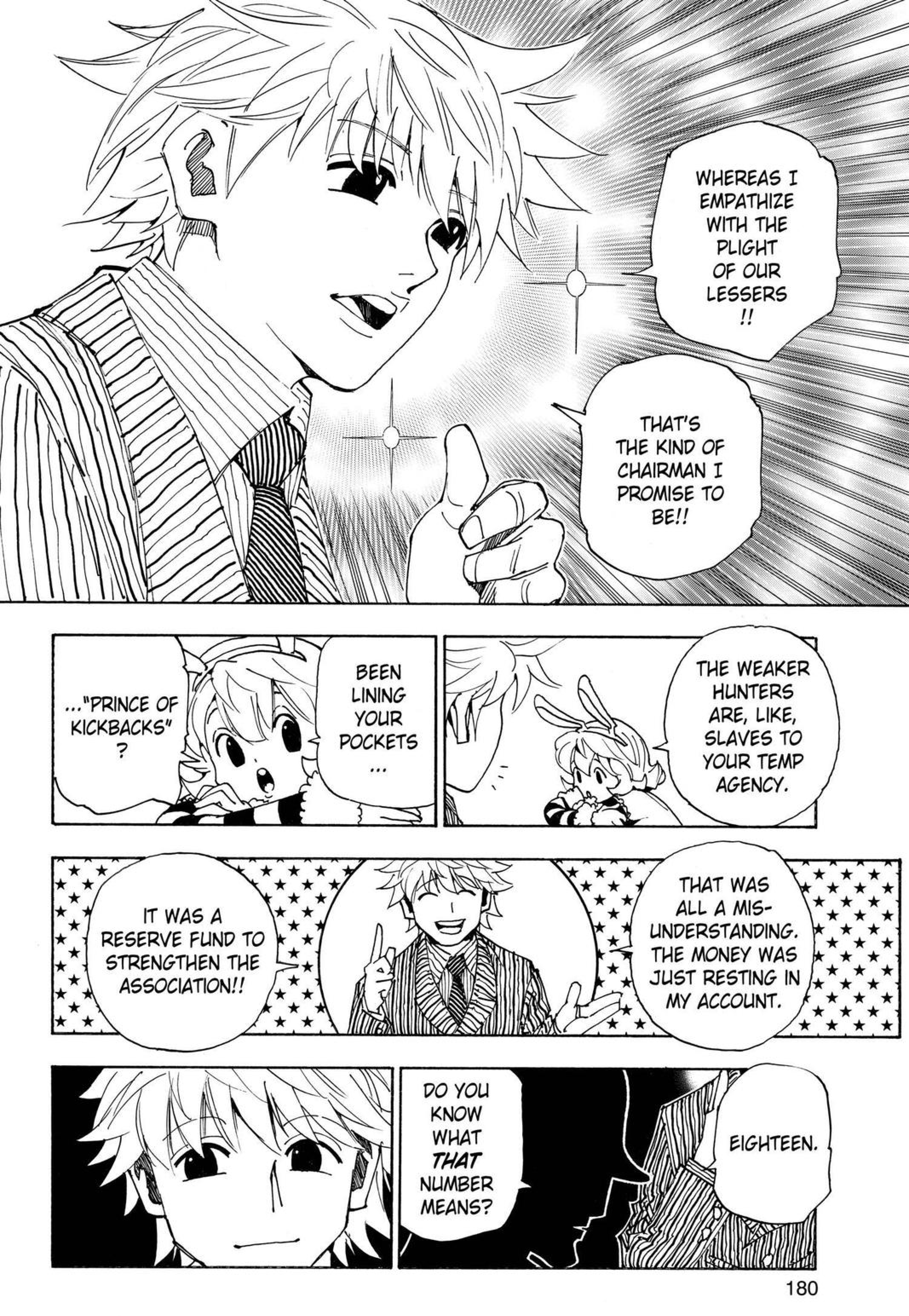

ANYONE OPPOSED TO ME MODERATING?
SHOW OF HANDS!!
NO WAY!! NO WAY!! NO WAY!!
SNIF HIC SNUF
FOUR OPPOSED.
BY MAJORITY APPROVAL, I'LL CONTINUE!
IF YOU'RE DISSATISFIED, JUST RAISE AN OBJECTION!!
I'LL WITHDRAW AT ANY TIME!!
SO...
...I HAVE A PROPOSAL.
I NOMINATE MYSELF AS CHAIRMAN.
NOW WE CAN SKIP THE ELECTION!

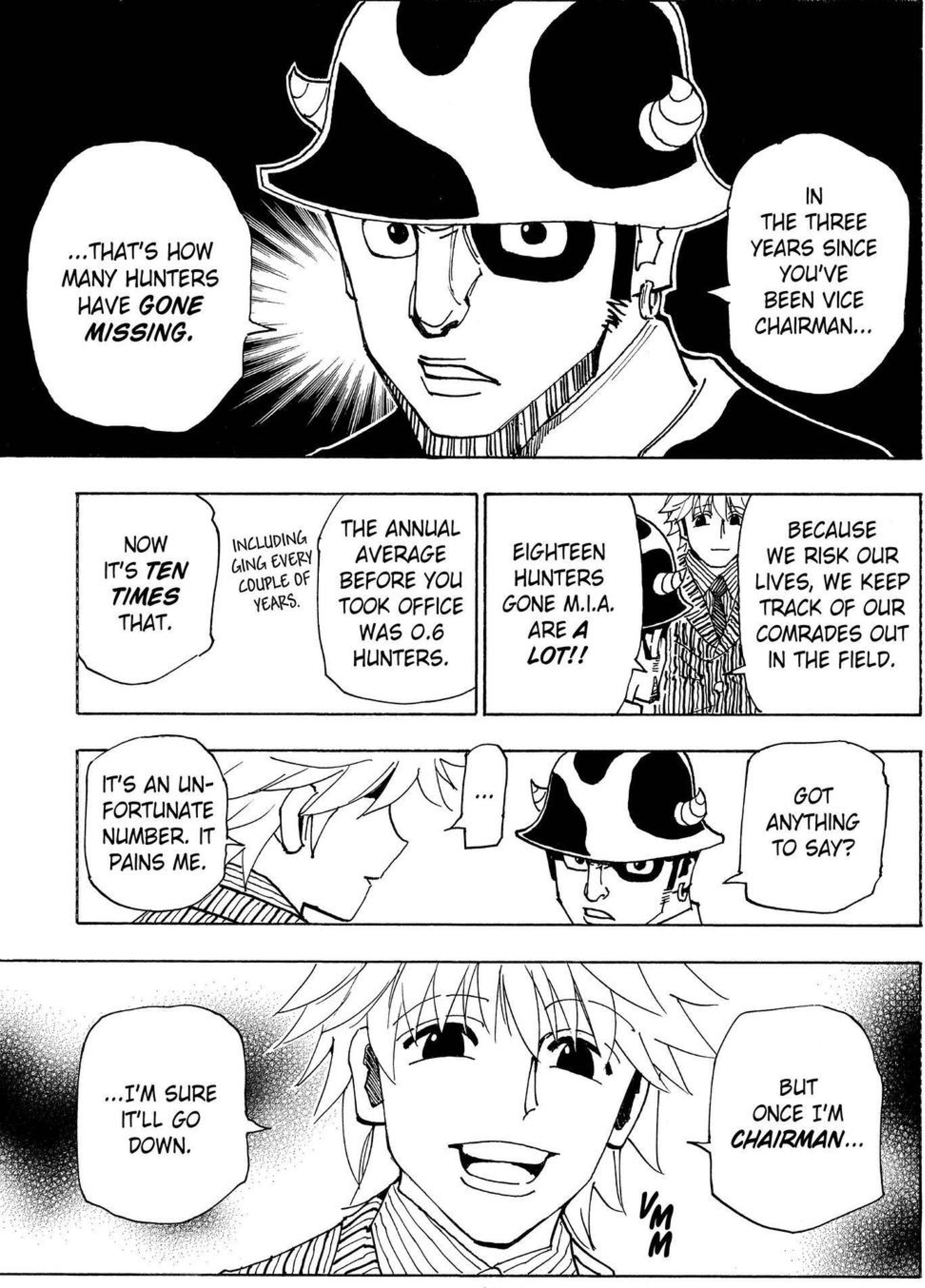

DO YOU WANT TO DIE...
...PUNK ?!

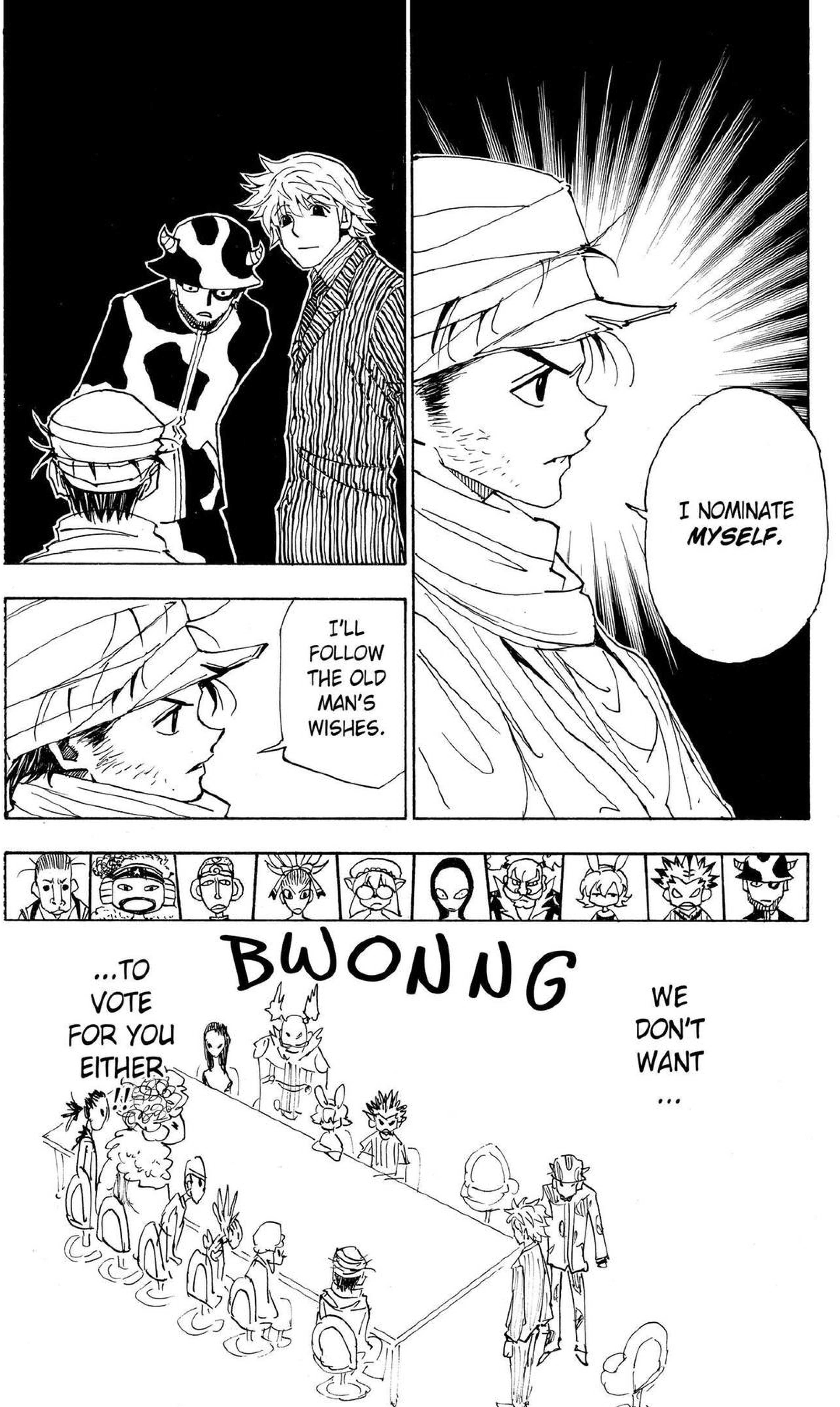

SCAAARY. CALM DOWN.
ISN'T THIS ELECTION A WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY?
THE RESULTS ARE OBVIOUS.
FSHT
HSSS
NONE OF USSS HERE...
...WOULD VOTE FOR YOU.

READ THIS WAY

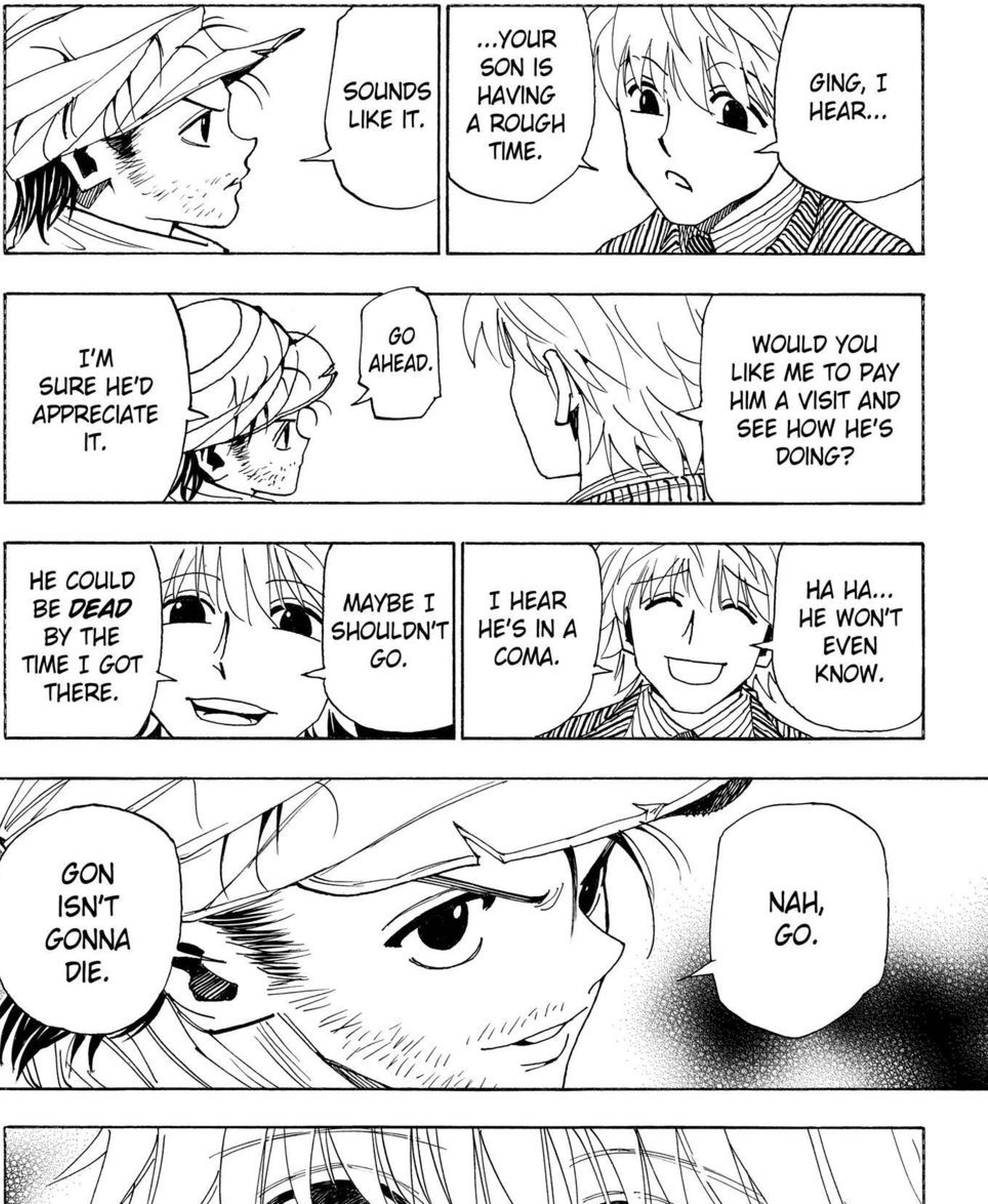

ELEVEN VOTES.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY HUNTERS THERE ARE IN THE ASSOCIATION?
ALL OF YOU TOGETHER COMPRISE A MEASLY **ELEVEN VOTES.**
FORMER CHAIRMAN NETERO...
...WAS TOO POWERFUL.
HE NEVER UNDERSTOOD THE WEAKER HUNTERS.
THE SAME GOES FOR ALL OF YOU.

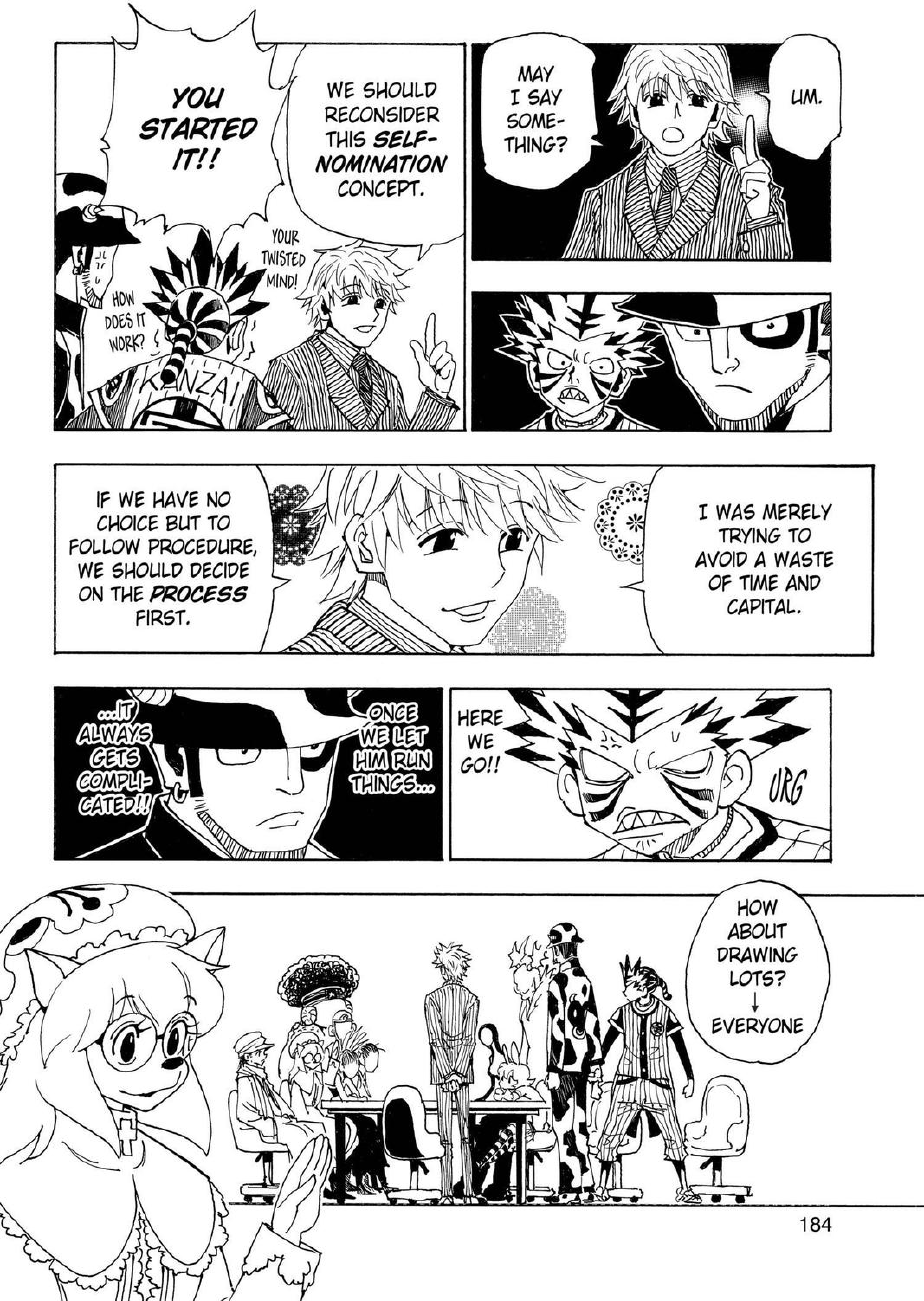

WHEREAS I EMPATHIZE WITH THE PLIGHT OF OUR LESSERS !!
THAT'S THE KIND OF CHAIRMAN I PROMISE TO BE!!
THE WEAKER HUNTERS ARE, LIKE, SLAVES TO YOUR TEMP AGENCY.
BEEN LINING YOUR POCKETS ...
..."PRINCE OF KICKBACKS" ?
THAT WAS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING. THE MONEY WAS JUST RESTING IN MY ACCOUNT.
IT WAS A RESERVE FUND TO STRENGTHEN THE ASSOCIATION!!
EIGHTEEN.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT *THAT* NUMBER MEANS?

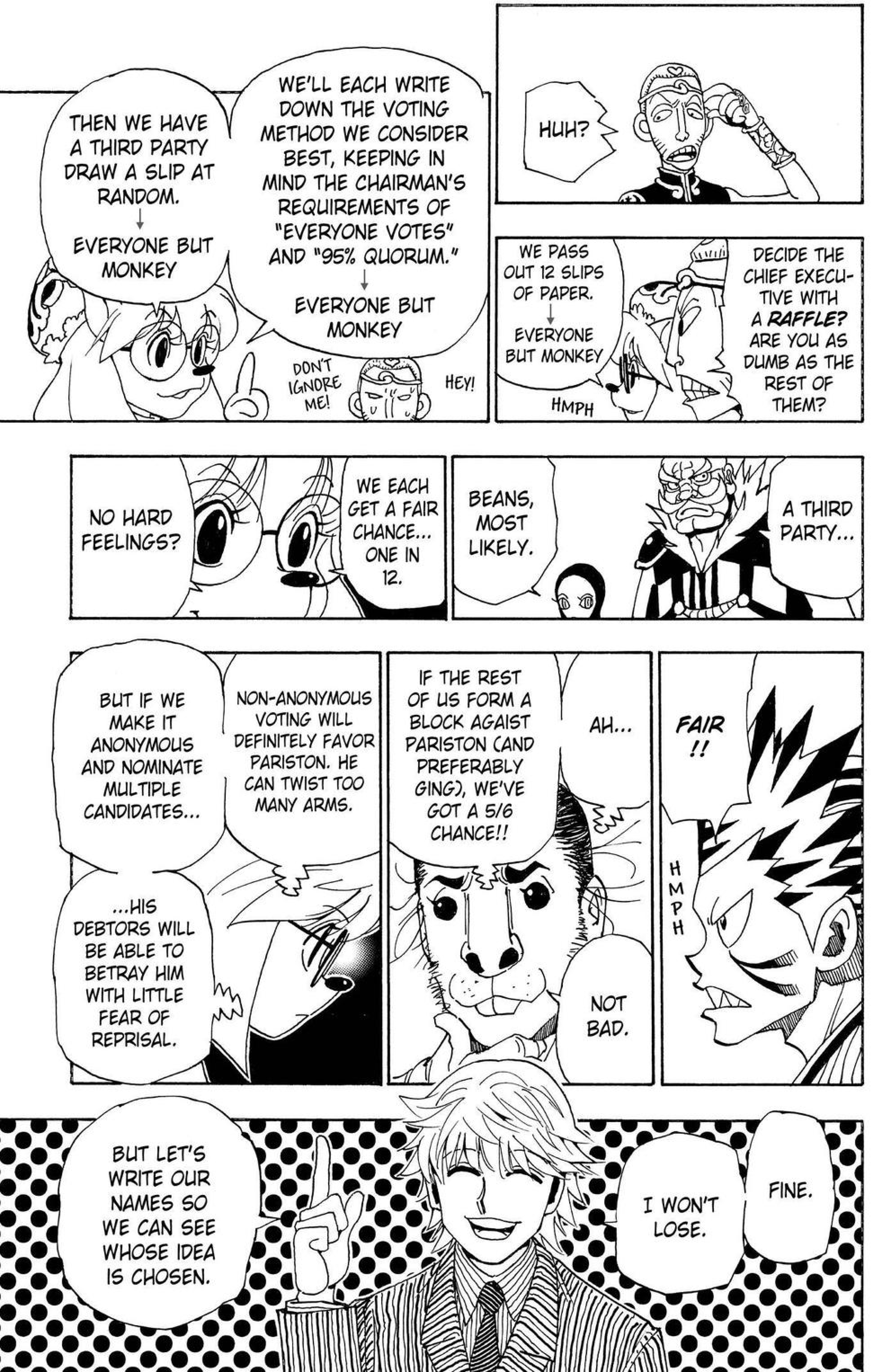

IN THE THREE YEARS SINCE YOU'VE BEEN VICE CHAIRMAN...
...THAT'S HOW MANY HUNTERS HAVE **GONE MISSING.**
BECAUSE WE RISK OUR LIVES, WE KEEP TRACK OF OUR COMRADES OUT IN THE FIELD.
EIGHTEEN HUNTERS GONE M.I.A. ARE **A LOT!!**
THE ANNUAL AVERAGE BEFORE YOU TOOK OFFICE WAS 0.6 HUNTERS.
INCLUDING GING EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS.
NOW IT'S **TEN TIMES** THAT.
GOT ANYTHING TO SAY?
...
IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE NUMBER. IT PAINS ME.
BUT ONCE I'M **CHAIRMAN...**
VMM
...I'M SURE IT'LL GO DOWN.
SNAP

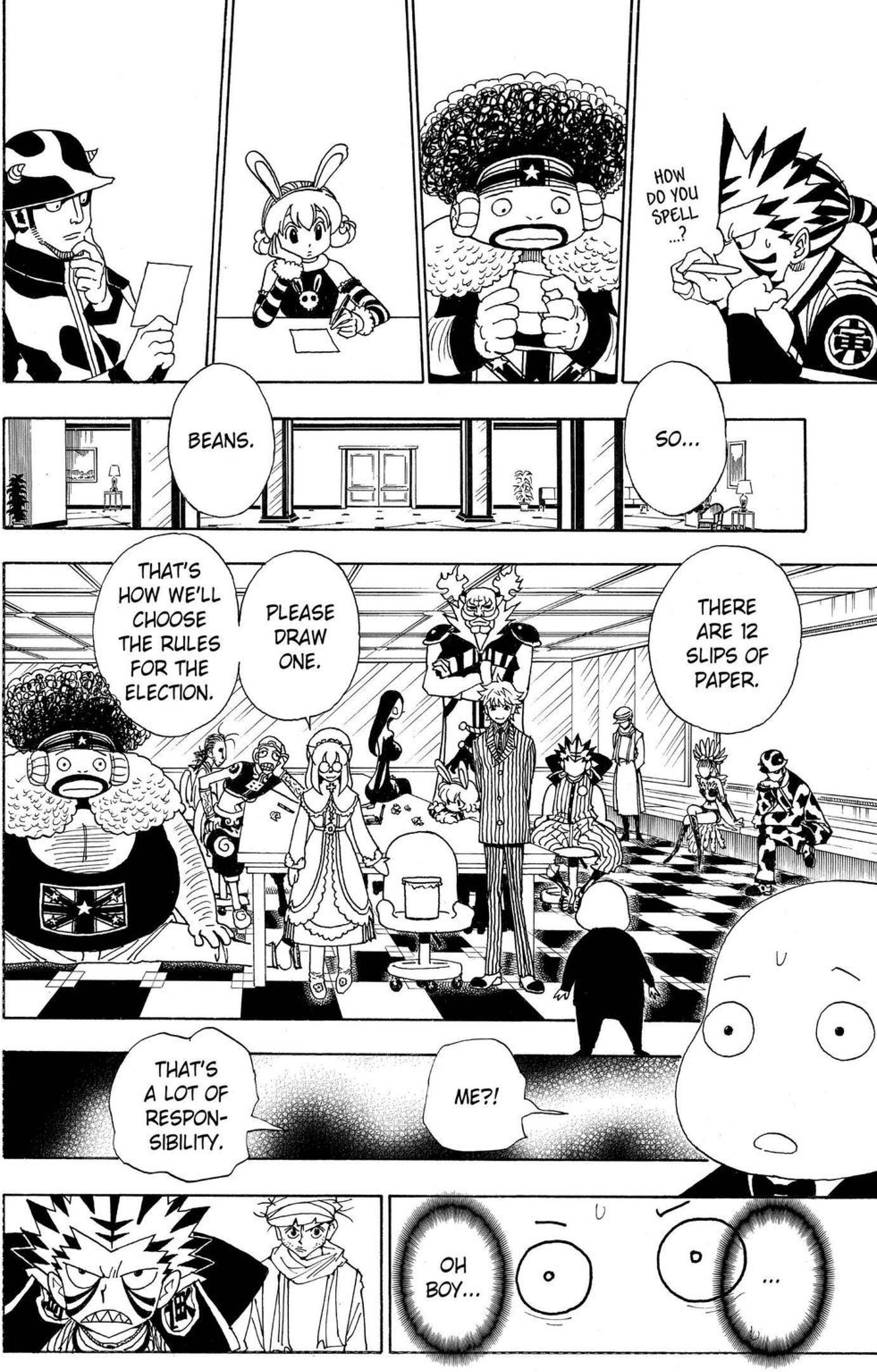

I NOMINATE *MYSELF.*
I'LL FOLLOW THE OLD MAN'S WISHES.
BWONNG
WE DON'T WANT ...
...TO VOTE FOR YOU EITHER!!

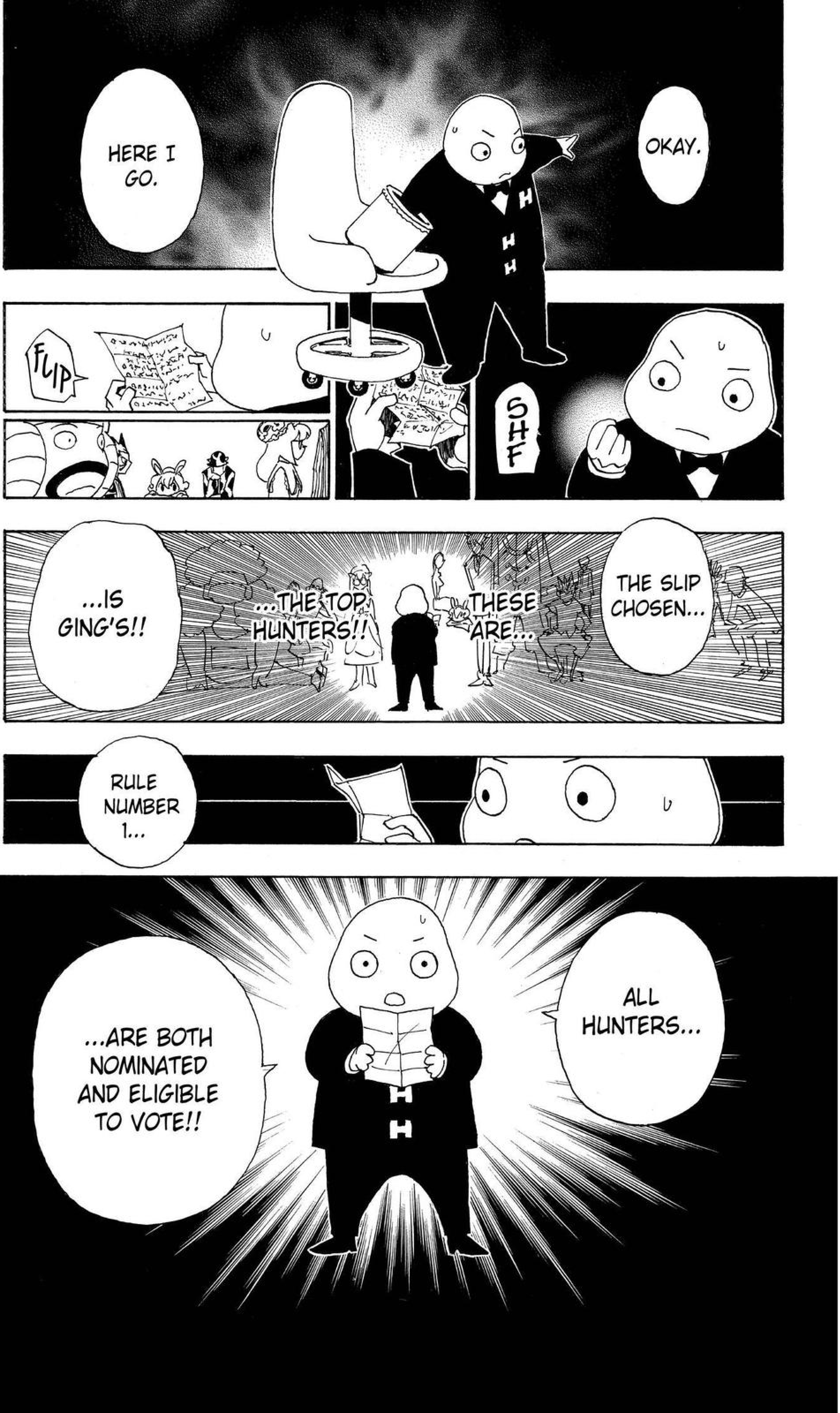
READ THIS WAY

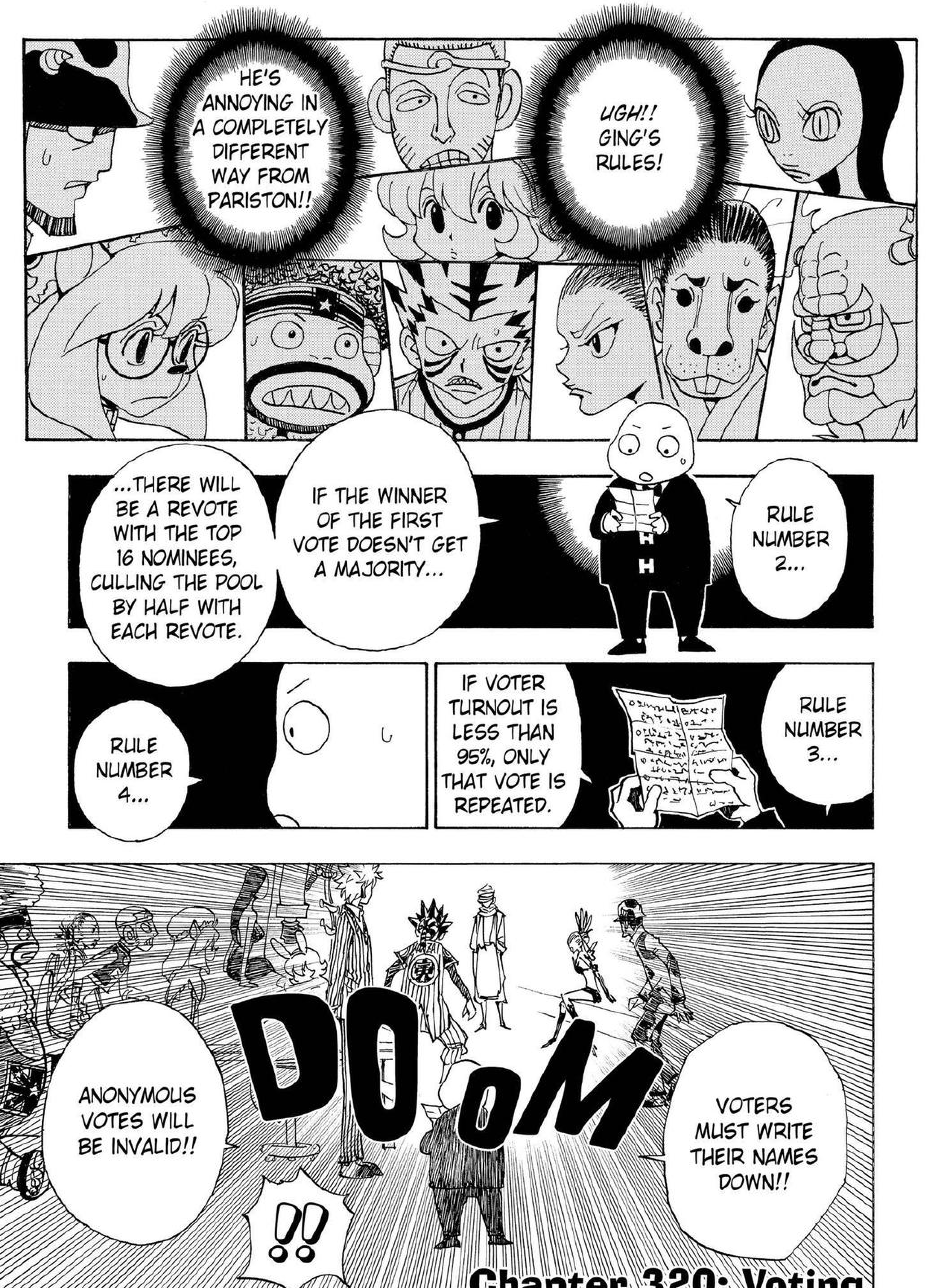

GING, I HEAR...
...YOUR SON IS HAVING A ROUGH TIME.
SOUNDS LIKE IT.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO PAY HIM A VISIT AND SEE HOW HE'S DOING?
GO AHEAD.
I'M SURE HE'D APPRECIATE IT.
HA HA... HE WON'T EVEN KNOW.
I HEAR HE'S IN A COMA.
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T GO.
HE COULD BE *DEAD* BY THE TIME I GOT THERE.
NAH, GO.
GON ISN'T GONNA DIE.


UM.
MAY I SAY SOME-THING?
WE SHOULD RECONSIDER THIS *SELF-NOMINATION* CONCEPT.
YOU STARTED IT!!
YOUR TWISTED MIND!
HOW DOES IT WORK?
KANZAI
I WAS MERELY TRYING TO AVOID A WASTE OF TIME AND CAPITAL.
IF WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW PROCEDURE, WE SHOULD DECIDE ON THE *PROCESS* FIRST.
HERE WE GO!!
URG
ONCE WE LET HIM RUN THINGS...
...IT ALWAYS GETS COMPLI-CATED!!
HOW ABOUT DRAWING LOTS?
↓
EVERYONE


WE'LL EACH WRITE DOWN THE VOTING METHOD WE CONSIDER BEST, KEEPING IN MIND THE CHAIRMAN'S REQUIREMENTS OF "EVERYONE VOTES" AND "95% QUORUM." ↓ EVERYONE BUT MONKEY
THEN WE HAVE A THIRD PARTY DRAW A SLIP AT RANDOM. ↓ EVERYONE BUT MONKEY
HEY!
DON'T IGNORE ME!
DECIDE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE WITH A ***RAFFLE?*** ARE YOU AS DUMB AS THE REST OF THEM?
HMPH
WE PASS OUT 12 SLIPS OF PAPER. ↓ EVERYONE BUT MONKEY
HUH?
A THIRD PARTY...
BEANS, MOST LIKELY.
WE EACH GET A FAIR CHANCE... ONE IN 12.
NO HARD FEELINGS?
FAIR!!
HMPH
AH...
IF THE REST OF US FORM A BLOCK AGAIST PARISTON (AND PREFERABLY GING), WE'VE GOT A 5/6 CHANCE!!
NOT BAD.
NON-ANONYMOUS VOTING WILL DEFINITELY FAVOR PARISTON. HE CAN TWIST TOO MANY ARMS.
BUT IF WE MAKE IT ANONYMOUS AND NOMINATE MULTIPLE CANDIDATES...
...HIS DEBTORS WILL BE ABLE TO BETRAY HIM WITH LITTLE FEAR OF REPRISAL.
FINE.
I WON'T LOSE.
BUT LET'S WRITE OUR NAMES SO WE CAN SEE WHOSE IDEA IS CHOSEN.


HOW DO YOU SPELL ...?
SO...
BEANS.
THERE ARE 12 SLIPS OF PAPER.
PLEASE DRAW ONE.
THAT'S HOW WE'LL CHOOSE THE RULES FOR THE ELECTION.
ME?!
THAT'S A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY.
...
OH BOY...


OKAY.
HERE I GO.
SHF
FLIP
THE SLIP CHOSEN...
THESE ARE...
...THE TOP HUNTERS!!
...IS GING'S!!
RULE NUMBER 1...
ALL HUNTERS...
...ARE BOTH NOMINATED AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE!!


UGH!! GING'S RULES!
HE'S ANNOYING IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WAY FROM PARISTON!!
RULE NUMBER 2...
IF THE WINNER OF THE FIRST VOTE DOESN'T GET A MAJORITY...
...THERE WILL BE A REVOTE WITH THE TOP 16 NOMINEES, CULLING THE POOL BY HALF WITH EACH REVOTE.
RULE NUMBER 3...
IF VOTER TURNOUT IS LESS THAN 95%, ONLY THAT VOTE IS REPEATED.
RULE NUMBER 4...
VOTERS MUST WRITE THEIR NAMES DOWN!!
ANONYMOUS VOTES WILL BE INVALID!!
DOOM
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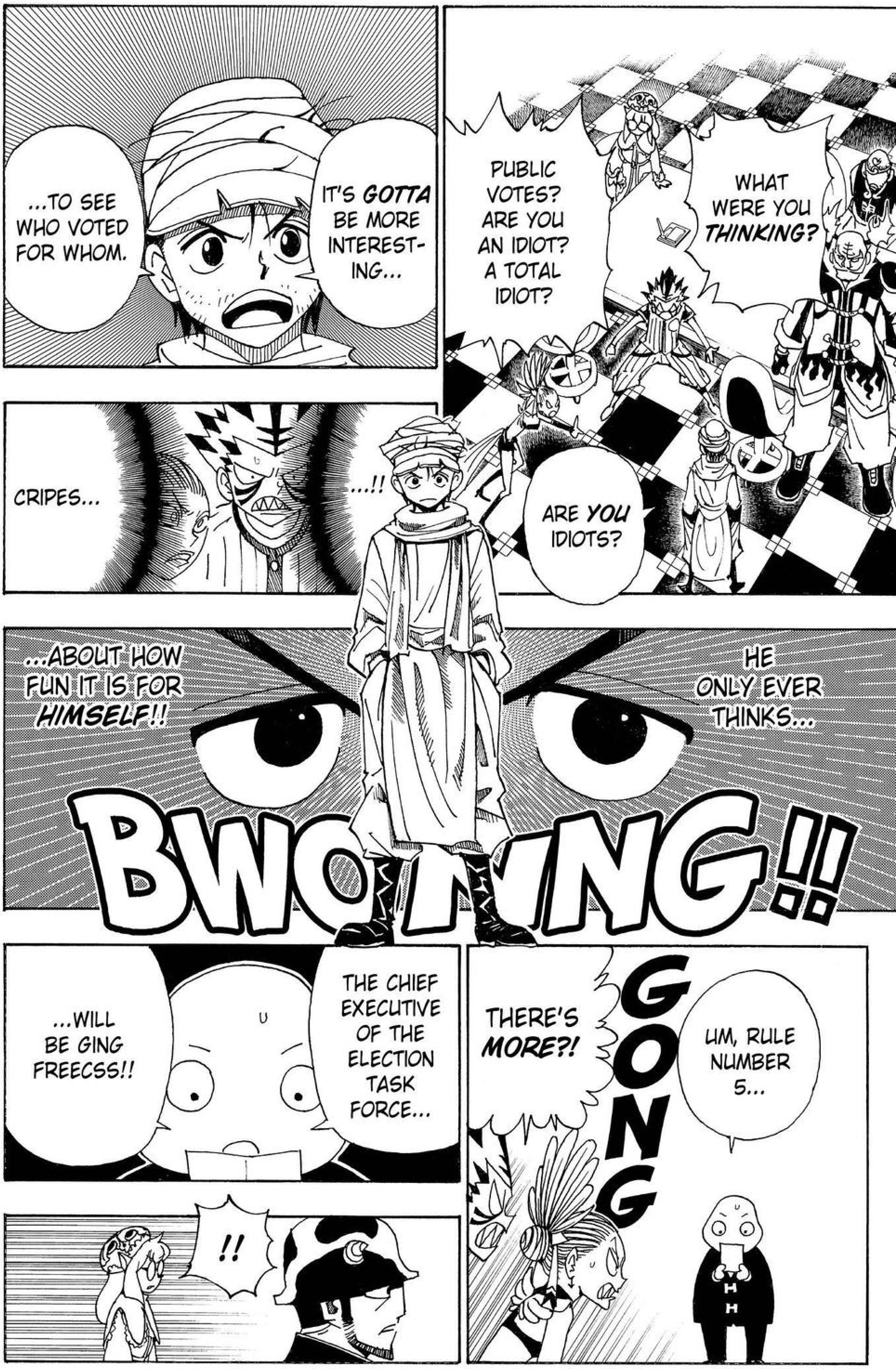
WHAT WERE YOU *THINKING?*
PUBLIC VOTES? ARE YOU AN IDIOT? A TOTAL IDIOT?
ARE *YOU* IDIOTS?
IT'S *GOTTA* BE MORE INTERESTING...
...TO SEE WHO VOTED FOR WHOM.
...!!
CRIPES...
HE ONLY EVER THINKS...
...ABOUT HOW FUN IT IS FOR *HIMSELF*!!
BWONNG!!
UM, RULE NUMBER 5...
GONG
THERE'S *MORE?!*
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE ELECTION TASK FORCE...
...WILL BE GING FREECSS!!
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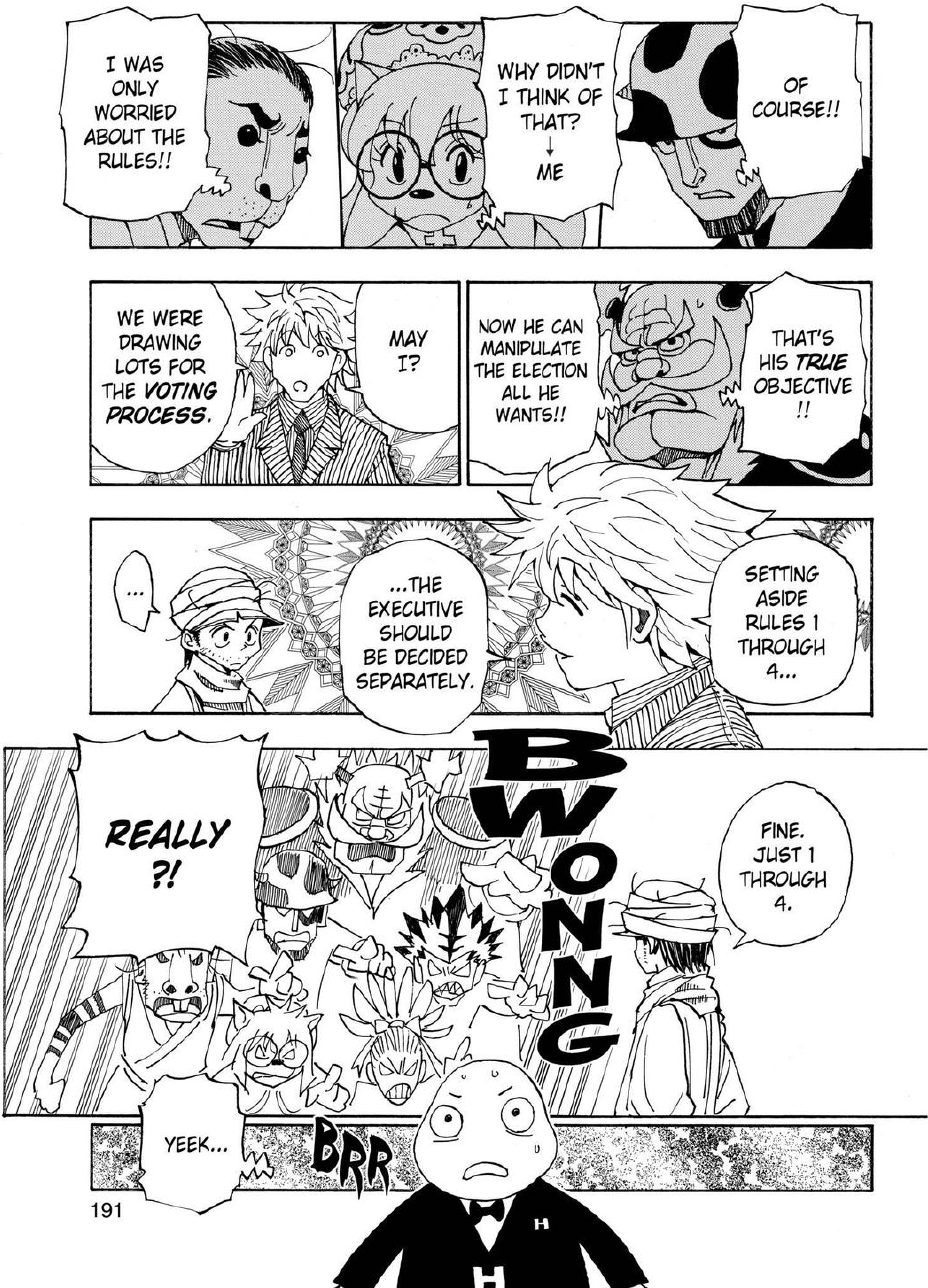
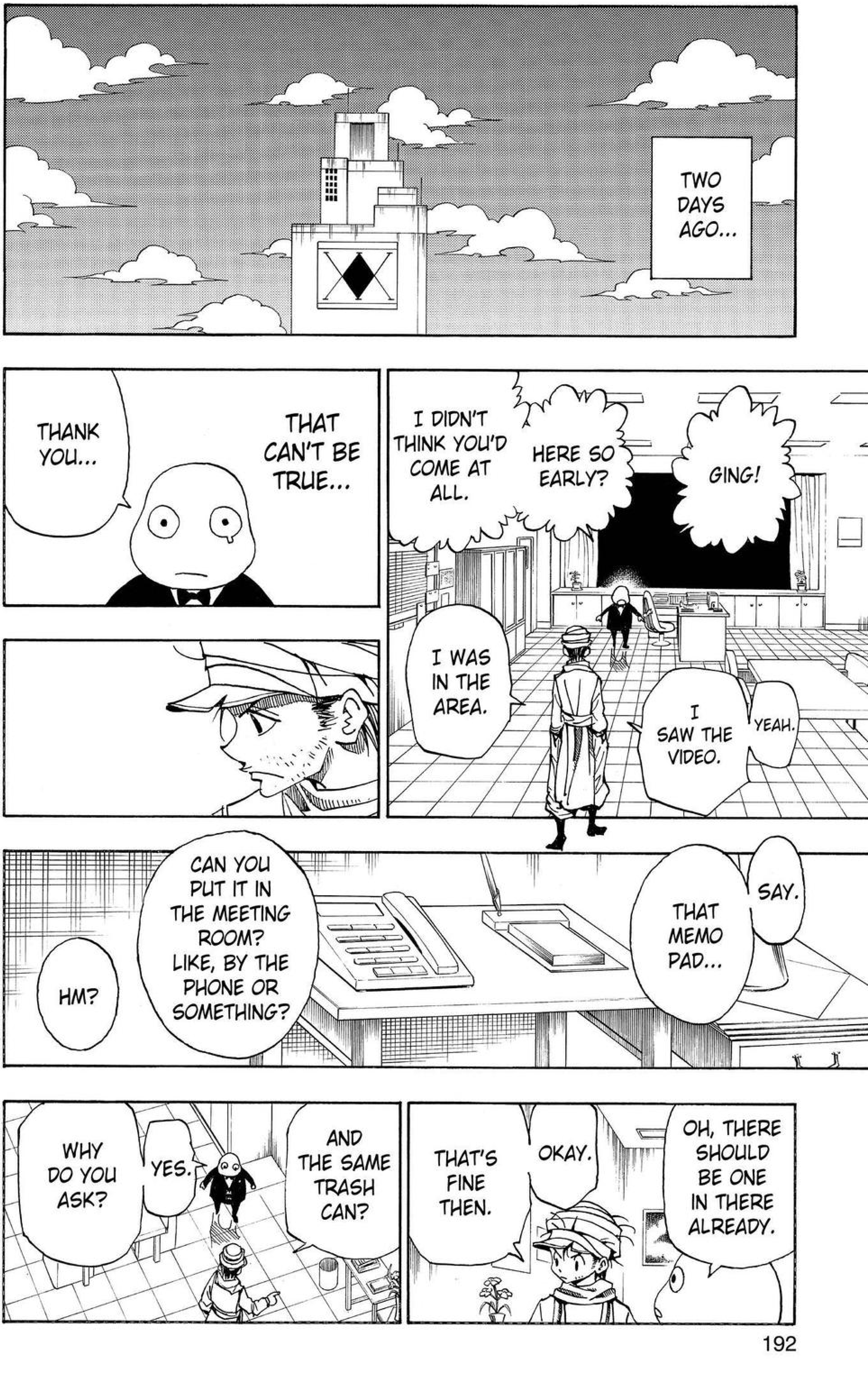
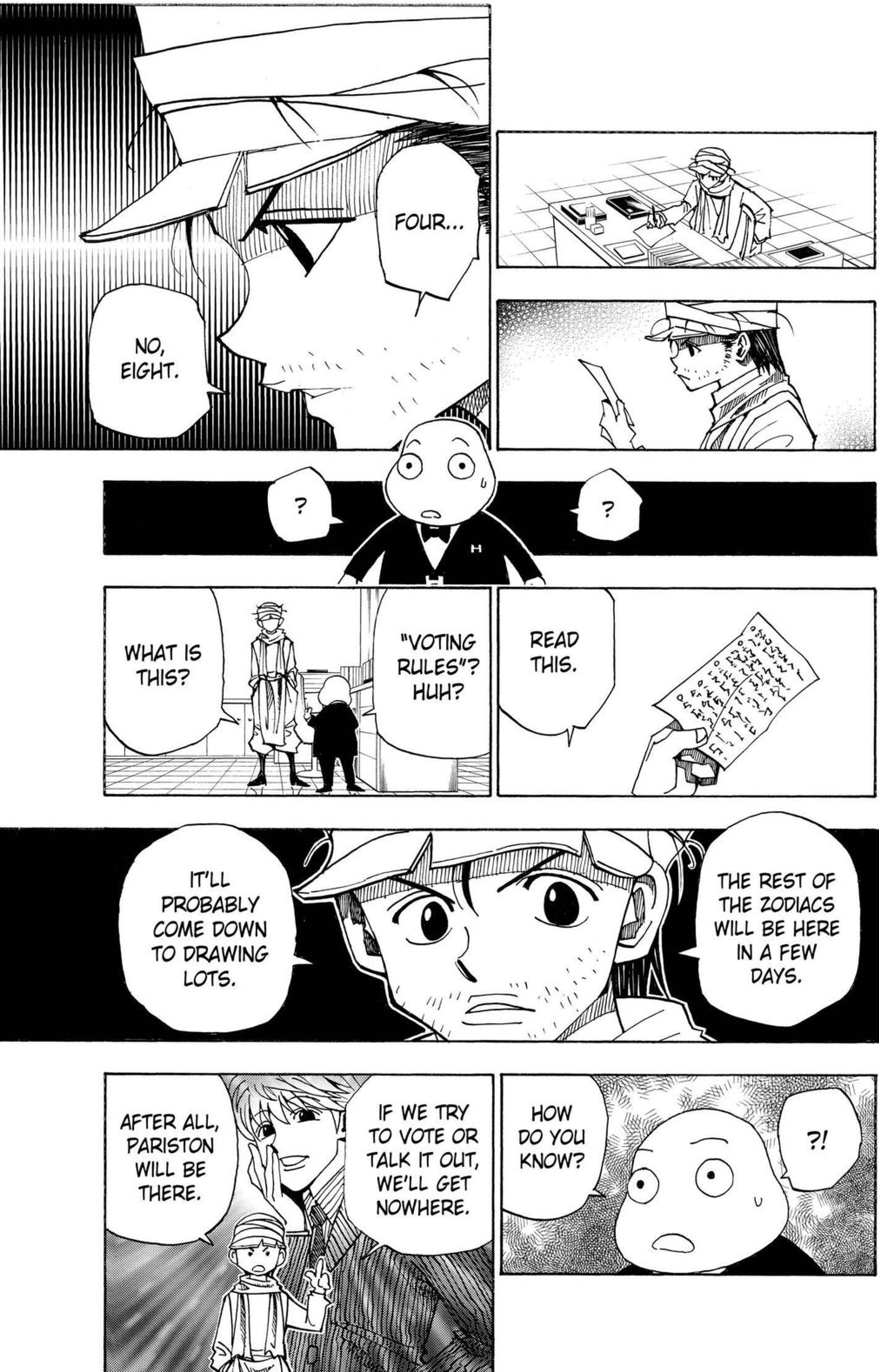
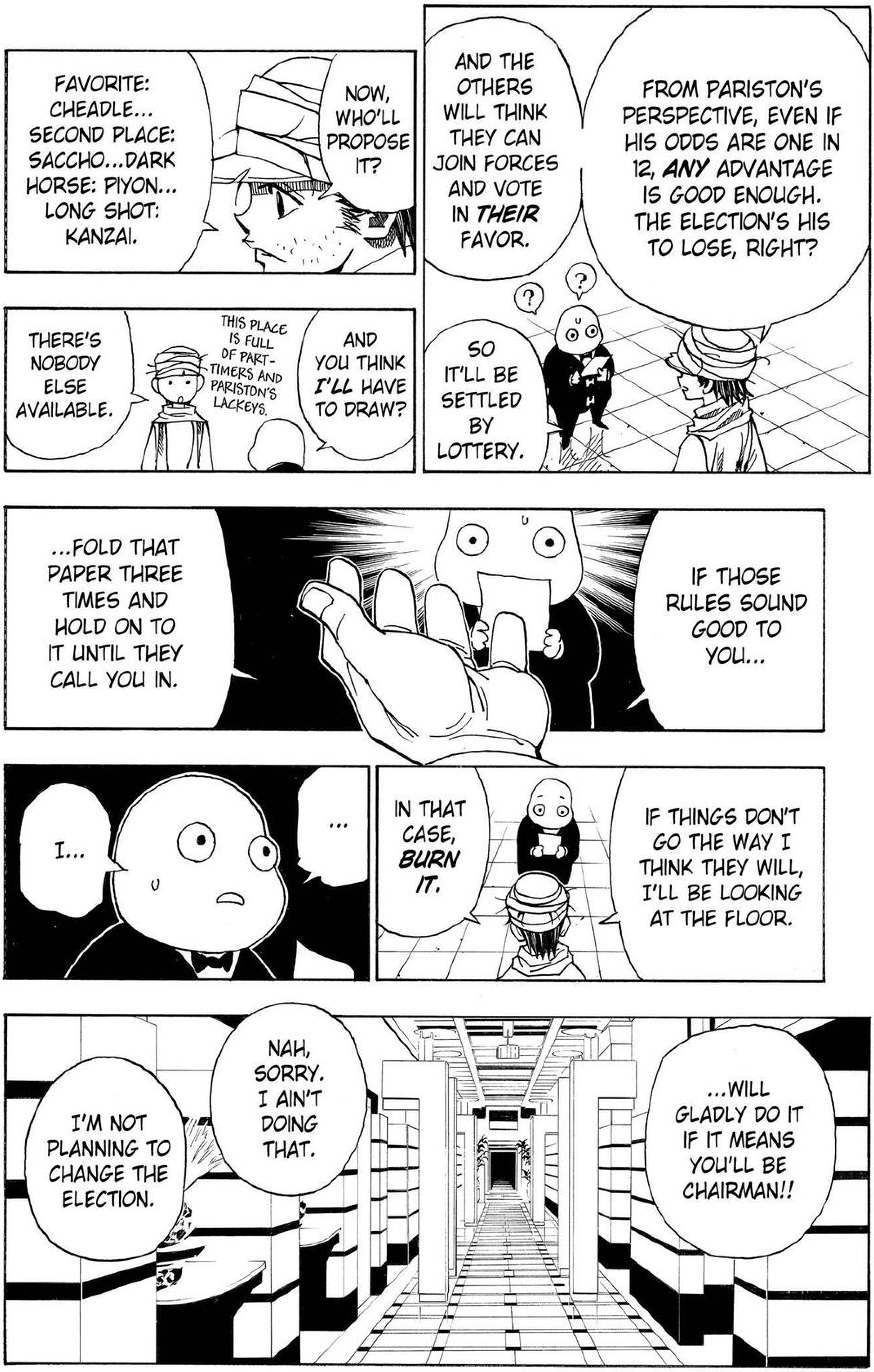
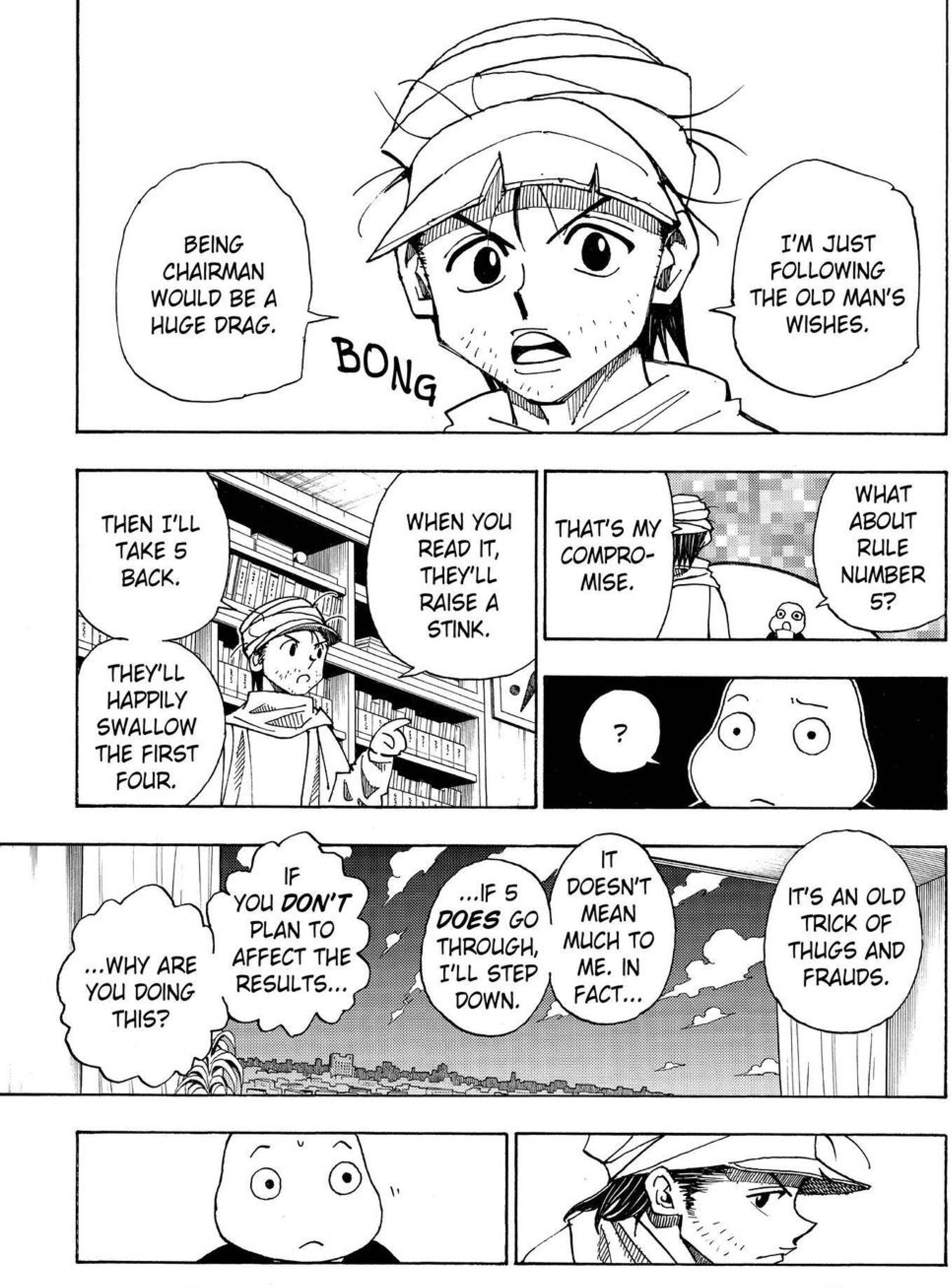
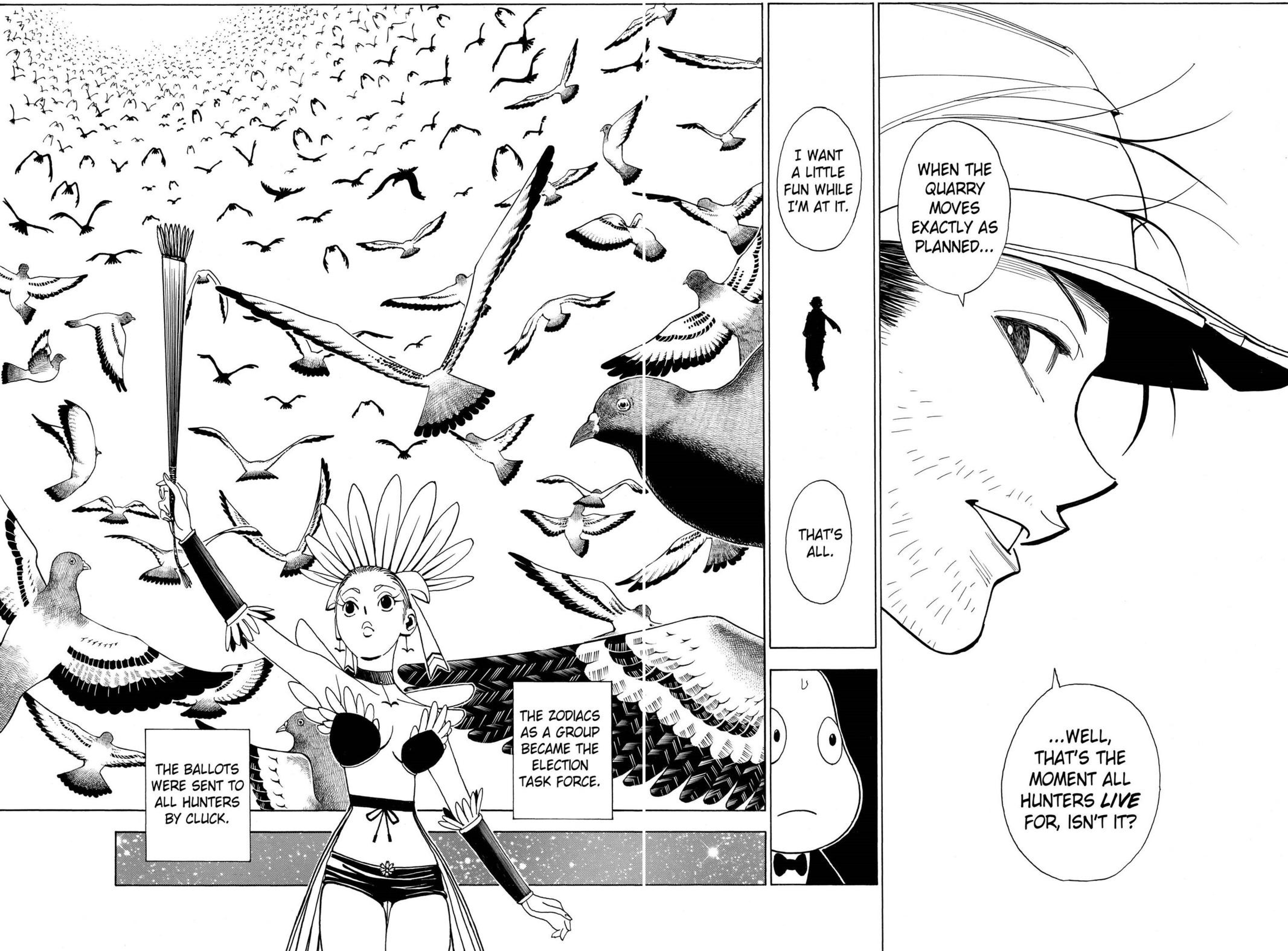

OF COURSE!!
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT? ↓ ME
I WAS ONLY WORRIED ABOUT THE RULES!!
THAT'S HIS **TRUE** OBJECTIVE !!
NOW HE CAN MANIPULATE THE ELECTION ALL HE WANTS!!
MAY I?
WE WERE DRAWING LOTS FOR THE **VOTING PROCESS**.
SETTING ASIDE RULES 1 THROUGH 4...
...THE EXECUTIVE SHOULD BE DECIDED SEPARATELY.
...
FINE. JUST 1 THROUGH 4.
BWONNG
REALLY ?!
BRR
YEEK...

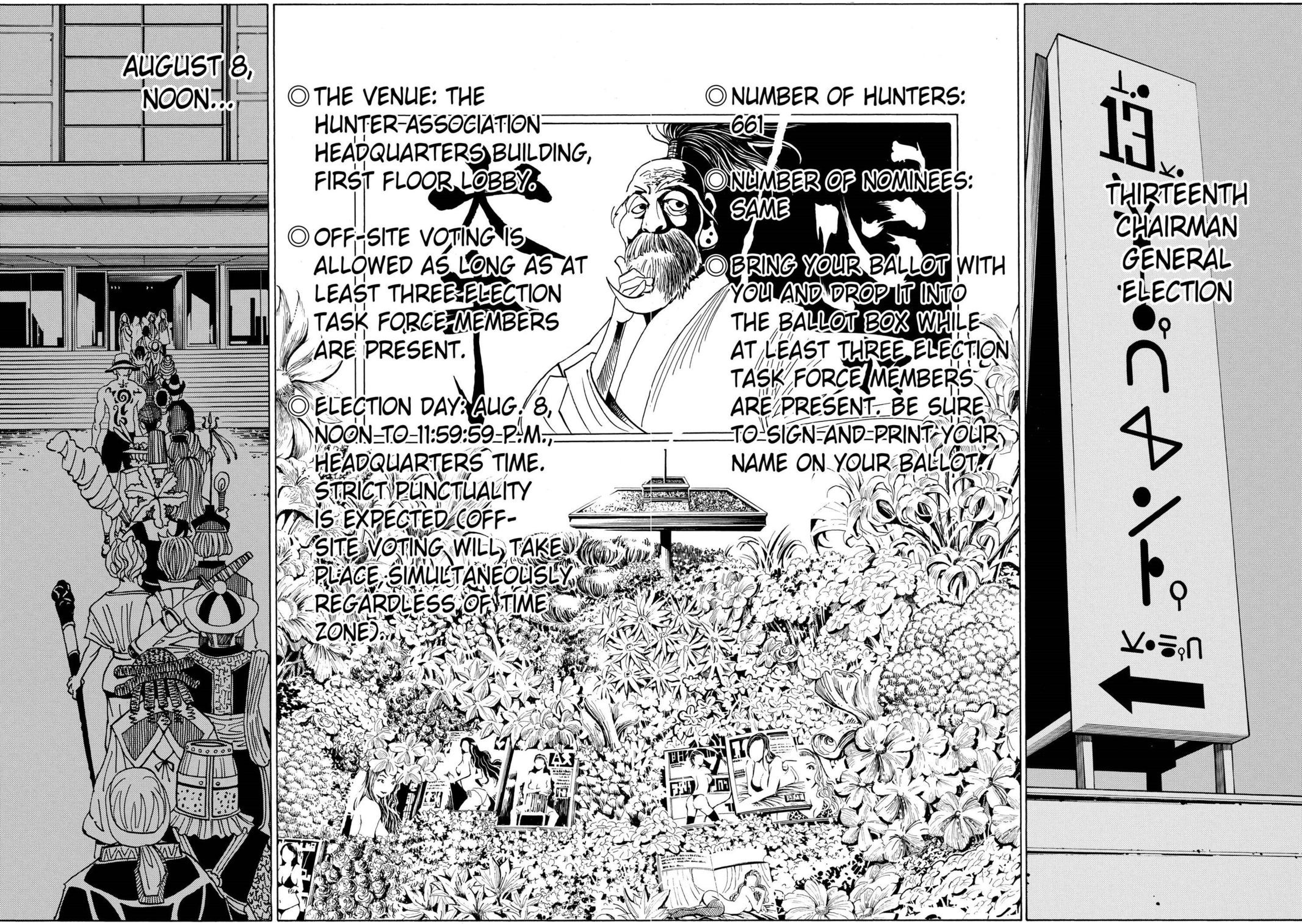

TWO DAYS AGO...
GING!
HERE SO EARLY?
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME AT ALL.
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE...
THANK YOU...
YEAH.
I SAW THE VIDEO.
I WAS IN THE AREA.
SAY.
THAT MEMO PAD...
CAN YOU PUT IT IN THE MEETING ROOM? LIKE, BY THE PHONE OR SOMETHING?
HM?
OH, THERE SHOULD BE ONE IN THERE ALREADY.
OKAY.
THAT'S FINE THEN.
AND THE SAME TRASH CAN?
YES.
WHY DO YOU ASK?


FOUR...
NO, EIGHT.
?
?
READ THIS.
WHAT IS THIS?
"VOTING RULES"? HUH?
THE REST OF THE ZODIACS WILL BE HERE IN A FEW DAYS.
IT'LL PROBABLY COME DOWN TO DRAWING LOTS.
?!
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
IF WE TRY TO VOTE OR TALK IT OUT, WE'LL GET NOWHERE.
AFTER ALL, PARISTON WILL BE THERE.


FROM PARISTON'S PERSPECTIVE, EVEN IF HIS ODDS ARE ONE IN 12, *ANY* ADVANTAGE IS GOOD ENOUGH. THE ELECTION'S HIS TO LOSE, RIGHT?
AND THE OTHERS WILL THINK THEY CAN JOIN FORCES AND VOTE IN *THEIR* FAVOR.
?
?
SO IT'LL BE SETTLED BY LOTTERY.
NOW, WHO'LL PROPOSE IT?
FAVORITE: CHEADLE... SECOND PLACE: SACCHO...DARK HORSE: PIYON... LONG SHOT: KANZAI.
AND YOU THINK *I'LL* HAVE TO DRAW?
THIS PLACE IS FULL OF PART-TIMERS AND PARISTON'S LACKEYS.
THERE'S NOBODY ELSE AVAILABLE.
IF THOSE RULES SOUND GOOD TO YOU...
...FOLD THAT PAPER THREE TIMES AND HOLD ON TO IT UNTIL THEY CALL YOU IN.
IF THINGS DON'T GO THE WAY I THINK THEY WILL, I'LL BE LOOKING AT THE FLOOR.
IN THAT CASE, *BURN IT.*
...
I...
...WILL GLADLY DO IT IF IT MEANS YOU'LL BE CHAIRMAN!!
NAH, SORRY. I AIN'T DOING THAT.
I'M NOT PLANNING TO CHANGE THE ELECTION.


I'M JUST FOLLOWING THE OLD MAN'S WISHES.
BEING CHAIRMAN WOULD BE A HUGE DRAG.
BONG
WHAT ABOUT RULE NUMBER 5?
THAT'S MY COMPROMISE.
?
WHEN YOU READ IT, THEY'LL RAISE A STINK.
THEN I'LL TAKE 5 BACK.
THEY'LL HAPPILY SWALLOW THE FIRST FOUR.
IT'S AN OLD TRICK OF THUGS AND FRAUDS.
IT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH TO ME. IN FACT...
...IF 5 **DOES** GO THROUGH, I'LL STEP DOWN.
IF YOU **DON'T** PLAN TO AFFECT THE RESULTS...
...WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
...
WHAT A WEIRD THING TO ASK.


WHEN THE QUARRY MOVES EXACTLY AS PLANNED...
...WELL, THAT'S THE MOMENT ALL HUNTERS *LIVE* FOR, ISN'T IT?
I WANT A LITTLE FUN WHILE I'M AT IT.
THAT'S ALL.
THE ZODIACS AS A GROUP BECAME THE ELECTION TASK FORCE.
THE BALLOTS WERE SENT TO ALL HUNTERS BY CLUCK.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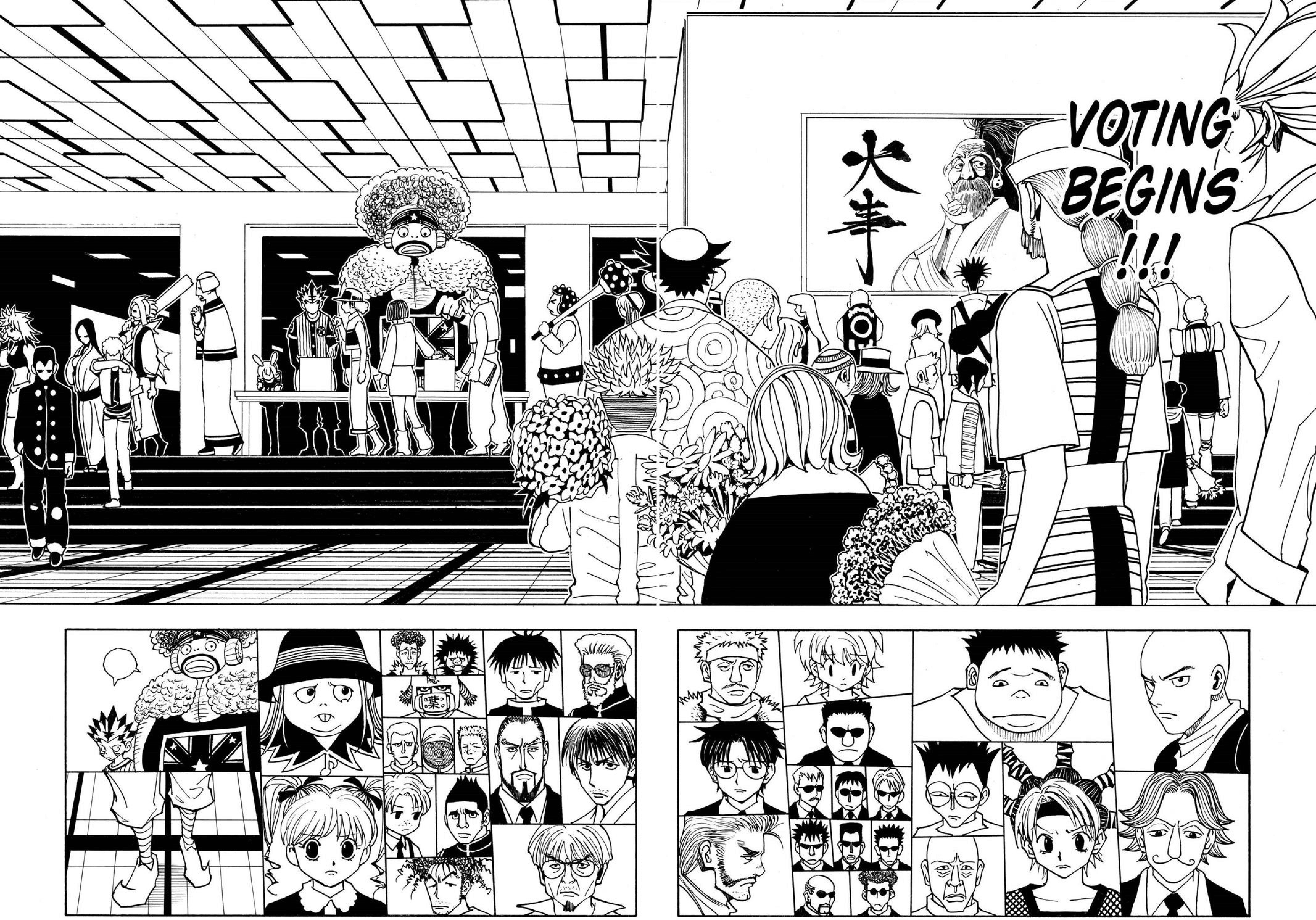
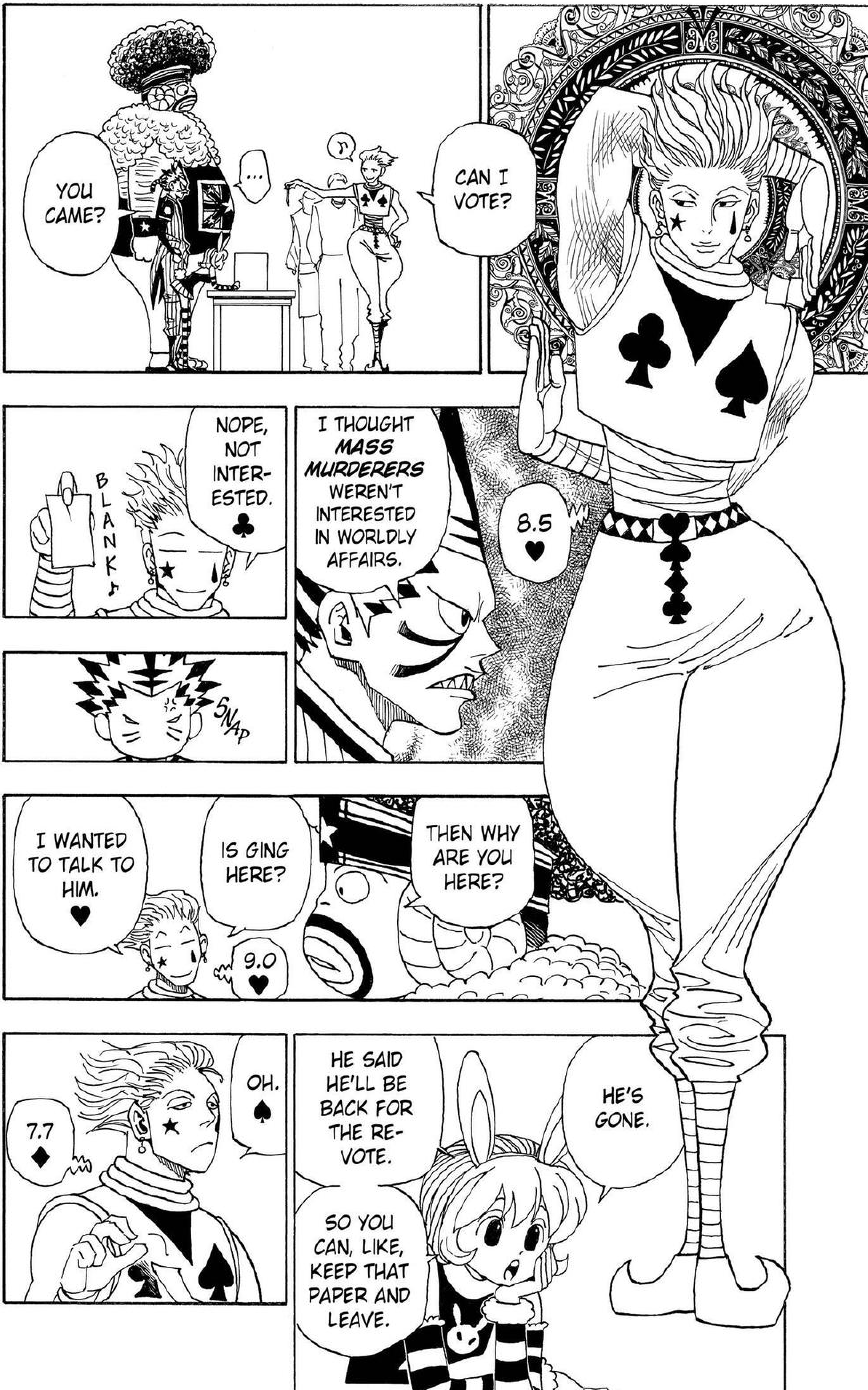
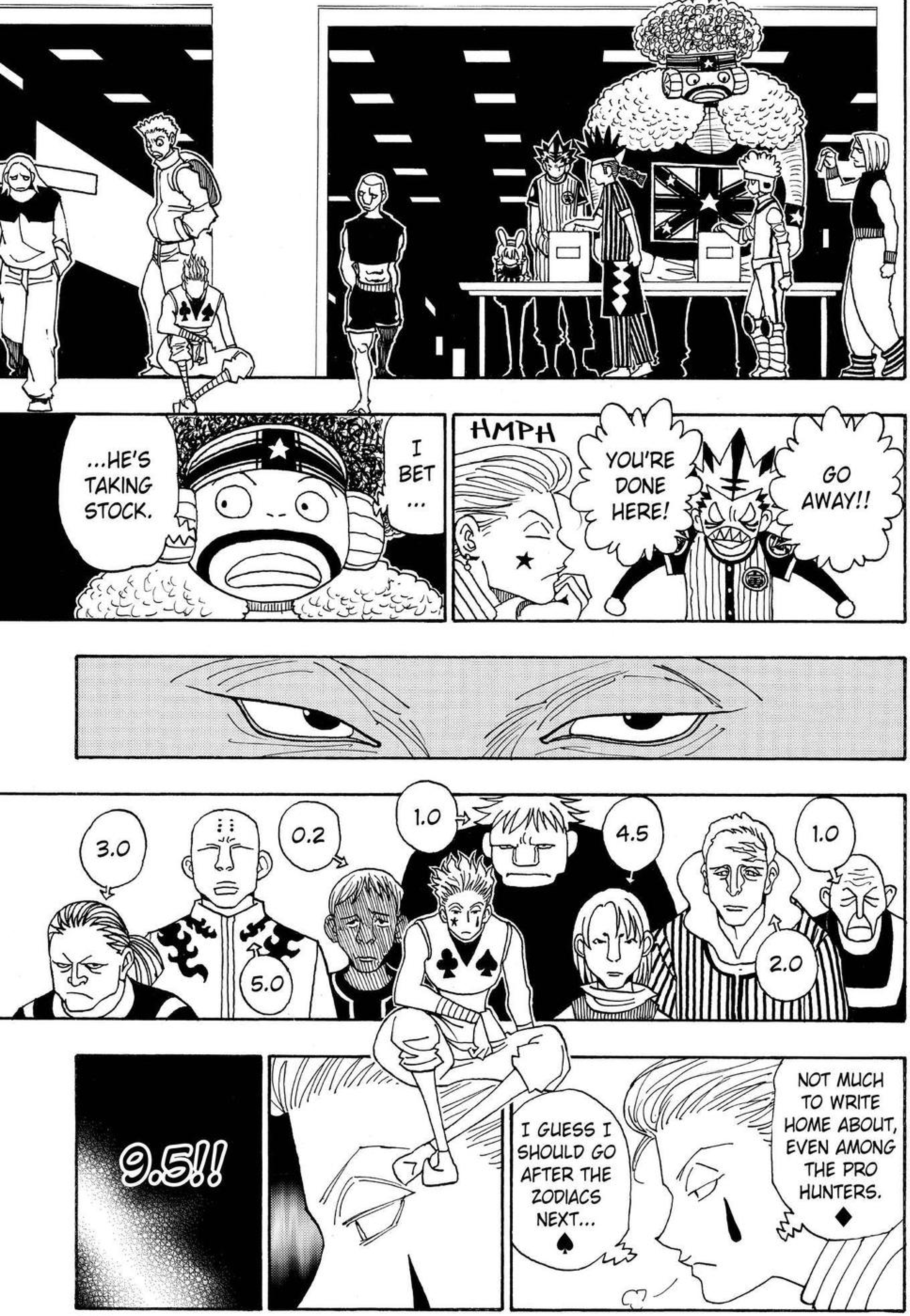
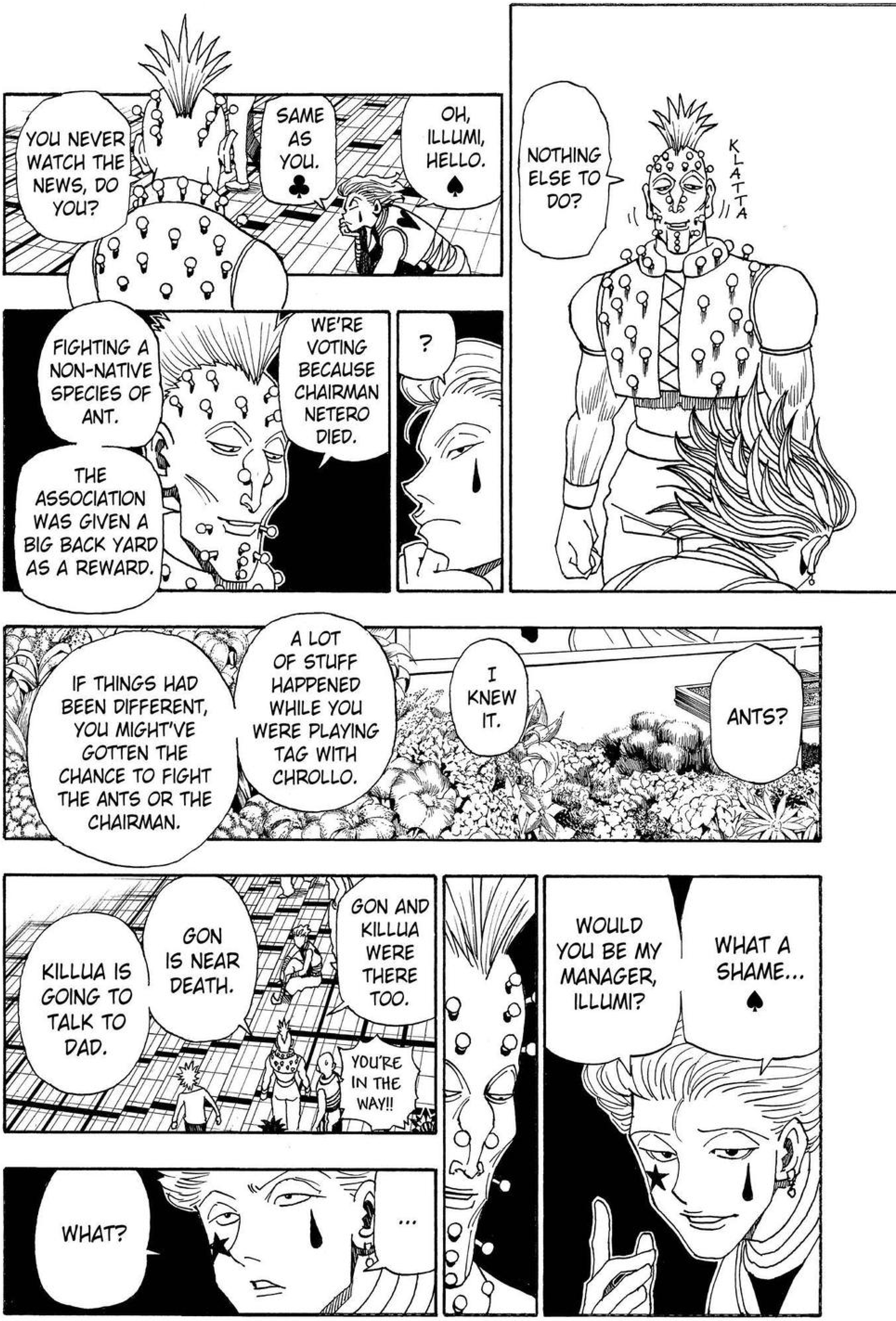
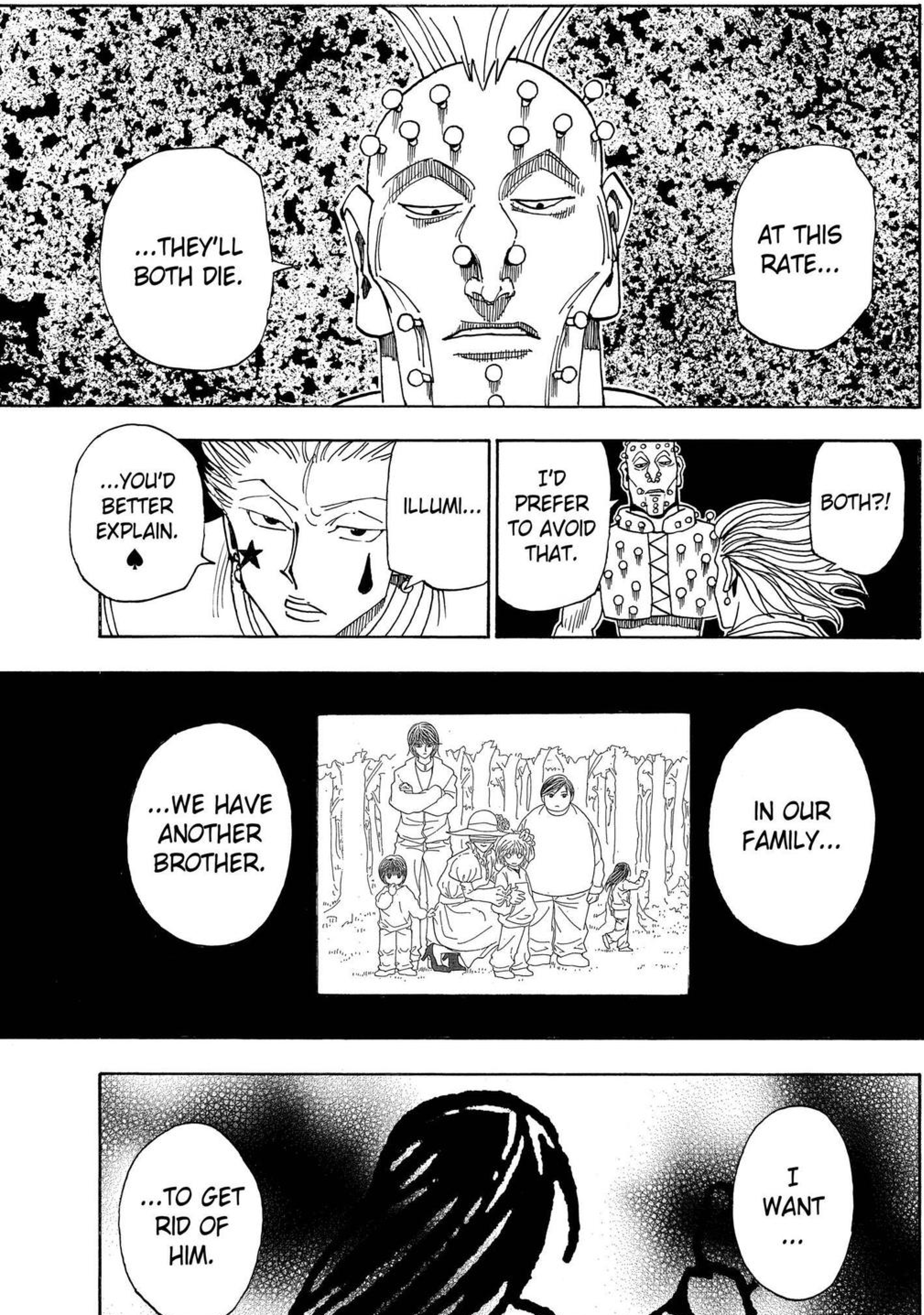
THIRTEENTH CHAIRMAN GENERAL ELECTION
◎ NUMBER OF HUNTERS: 661
◎ NUMBER OF NOMINEES: SAME
◎ BRING YOUR BALLOT WITH YOU AND DROP IT INTO THE BALLOT BOX WHILE AT LEAST THREE ELECTION TASK FORCE MEMBERS ARE PRESENT. BE SURE TO SIGN AND PRINT YOUR NAME ON YOUR BALLOT.
◎ THE VENUE: THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR LOBBY.
◎ OFF-SITE VOTING IS ALLOWED AS LONG AS AT LEAST THREE ELECTION TASK FORCE MEMBERS ARE PRESENT.
◎ ELECTION DAY: AUG. 8, NOON TO 11:59:59 P.M., HEADQUARTERS TIME. STRICT PUNCTUALITY IS EXPECTED (OFF-SITE VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY REGARDLESS OF TIME ZONE).
AUGUST 8, NOON...


VOTING BEGINS!!!


CAN I VOTE?
♪
...
YOU CAME?
I THOUGHT **MASS MURDERERS** WEREN'T INTERESTED IN WORLDLY AFFAIRS.
8.5 ♥
NOPE, NOT INTERESTED. ♣
BLANK♪
SNAP
THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?
IS GING HERE?
I WANTED TO TALK TO HIM. ♥
9.0 ♥
HE'S GONE.
HE SAID HE'LL BE BACK FOR THE RE-VOTE.
SO YOU CAN, LIKE, KEEP THAT PAPER AND LEAVE.
OH. ♠
7.7 ♦


GO AWAY!!
YOU'RE DONE HERE!
HMPH
I BET ...
...HE'S TAKING STOCK.
1.0
2.0
4.5
1.0
0.2
5.0
3.0
NOT MUCH TO WRITE HOME ABOUT, EVEN AMONG THE PRO HUNTERS. ◆
I GUESS I SHOULD GO AFTER THE ZODIACS NEXT... ♠
9.5!!


NOTHING ELSE TO DO?
KLATTA
OH, ILLUMI, HELLO. ♠
SAME AS YOU. ♣
YOU NEVER WATCH THE NEWS, DO YOU?
?
WE'RE VOTING BECAUSE CHAIRMAN NETERO DIED.
FIGHTING A NON-NATIVE SPECIES OF ANT.
THE ASSOCIATION WAS GIVEN A BIG BACK YARD AS A REWARD.
ANTS?
I KNEW IT.
A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE PLAYING TAG WITH CHROLLO.
IF THINGS HAD BEEN DIFFERENT, YOU MIGHT'VE GOTTEN THE CHANCE TO FIGHT THE ANTS OR THE CHAIRMAN.
WHAT A SHAME... ♠
WOULD YOU BE MY MANAGER, ILLUMI?
GON AND KILLUA WERE THERE TOO.
GON IS NEAR DEATH.
KILLUA IS GOING TO TALK TO DAD.
YOU'RE IN THE WAY!!
...
WHAT?


AT THIS RATE...
...THEY'LL BOTH DIE.
BOTH?!
I'D PREFER TO AVOID THAT.
ILLUMI...
...YOU'D BETTER EXPLAIN. ♠
IN OUR FAMILY...
...WE HAVE ANOTHER BROTHER.
I WANT ...
...TO GET RID OF HIM.

THIRTEENTH CHAIRMAN GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

1 - PARISTON	249 VOTES (37.6%)
2 - CHEADLE	42 VOTES
3 - ICKSHONPE	26 VOTES
4 - BOTOBAI	17 VOTES
MIZAISTOM	17 VOTES
6 - SACCHO	14 VOTES
7 - GINTA	13 VOTES
8 - MOREL	12 VOTES
9 - PIYON	11 VOTES
CLUCK	11 VOTES
11 - CUTIE	10 VOTES
SANBICA	10 VOTES
13 - TERADEIN	9 VOTES
14 - BUSHIDORA	8 VOTES
15 - GING	7 VOTES
16 - LINNE, TSEZGUERRA, BISCUIT	6 VOTES
19 - NOV, LOUPE	5 VOTES
21 - KITE, GERU, KANZAI, 2 OTHERS	4 VOTES
26 - SATOTZ, MENCHI, 7 OTHERS	3 VOTES
35 - HISOKA, SAIYU, 9 OTHERS	2 VOTES
46 - GON, HANZO, 25 OTHERS	1 VOTE

READ THIS WAY

VALID VOTES: 580

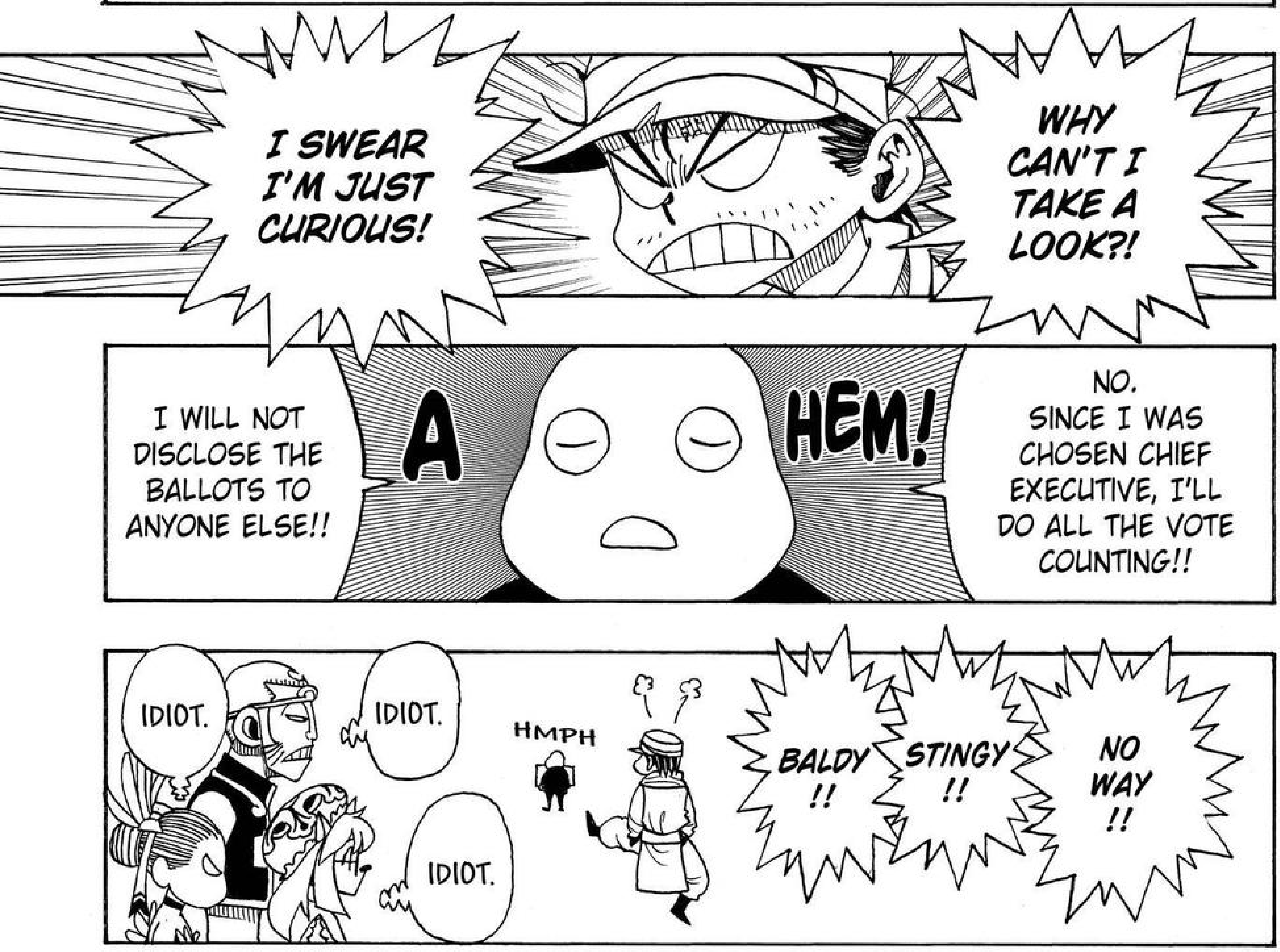
INVALID VOTES: 48 BLANK VOTES, ERRORS, VOTING FOR NETERO, VOTING FOR PEOPLE NOT ELIGIBLE, ETC.

ABSENTEE: 33 GON, SHOOT, KURAPIKA, KILLUA, SHALNARK AND 28 OTHERS

MAJORITY VOTE GETTER: NONE

VOTER TURNOUT: 87.7%

REVOTE NECESSARY DUE TO FAILURE TO ACHIEVE REQUIREMENTS.


WHY CAN'T I TAKE A LOOK?!
I SWEAR I'M JUST CURIOUS!
NO. SINCE I WAS CHOSEN CHIEF EXECUTIVE, I'LL DO ALL THE VOTE COUNTING!!
A HEM!
I WILL NOT DISCLOSE THE BALLOTS TO ANYONE ELSE!!
NO WAY!!
STINGY!!
BALDY!!
HMPH
IDIOT.
IDIOT.
IDIOT.